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STOPS FUR SEALING.

Measure Passed by the Senate to This Effect.

BILL TO AID MINERS RECOMMITTED.

The House Reduces the Clerical Force of the Pension Office—Speech by Missouri Representative Urging Recognition of Cuban Belligerents.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Proceedings of the senate were enlivened by an interesting debate upon the bill presented by the foreign relations committee providing for the prohibition of pelagic sealing by Americans. The provisions of the measure were explained by Mr. Davis, chairman of the foreign relations committee, who said that it was in aid of negotiations now pending between the representatives of the governments of the United States, Great Britain, Russia and Japan.

Mr. Pettigrew of South Dakota sharply antagonized the measure, saying that this country had already suffered more than enough humiliation on account of the seal business and that he favored the settlement of the question by killing all of the seals as they appeared at the rookeries of the Pribilof islands if by the 1st of June next Great Britain also had not agreed to the prohibition of pelagic sealing. He offered an amendment to that effect, but it was defeated. The bill was passed by a vote of 37 to 14.

Mr. McBride of Oregon endeavored to secure the adoption of his resolution directing the secretary of war to supply relief to the suffering miners in the Klondike region and appropriating $250,000 for that purpose, but the bill was recommitted.

A treaty between this country and Mexico extending for a year the time for marking the boundary line between the two countries was received and referred to the committee on foreign relations without being read. The various recess nominations sent to the senate were also referred to the proper committees.

The session closed with a spirited civil service debate upon the bill presented by the census committee providing for the appointment of a director of the census and 32 employees, who should form the skeleton of an office force for the twelfth census. Mr. Lodge of Massachusetts made an extended speech advocating the application of the civil service law to the census office employees.

House Reduces Salaries.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The house spent the day in the consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill. Eighty-nine of the 112 pages of the bill were covered and only one amendment of importance was adopted. It reduced the clerical force of the pension office 95, involving a reduction in salaries of $115,000.

The civil service question was the chief topic of discussion and the proposition of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Vanderlip to fire clerks for age was made the text for denunciation by Mr. Moody of Massachusetts and Mr. Johnson of Indiana, both of whom are defenders of the civil service law.

Mr. De Armond (Dem.) of Missouri, under the latitude allowed in debate on appropriation bills, made a speech reproaching the majority for not voting upon the Cuban belligerency resolution passed by the senate at the last session.

His remarks were given added importance in view of the action of the Democratic caucus, declaring for an aggressive support of the recognition of Cuban belligerency.

He declared that he could not be mistaken in his belief that the American people, without distinction of party, sympathized with the Cuban cause. The war on the island had been characterized on the one hand by heroism, devoted to the cause of freedom and independence, and on the other hand by all the cruelty and degradation of the darkest ages of the world.

Two Arrests For Wife Murder.

PRINCETON, Ky., Dec. 15.—Ed Smith and William Merry, alias Ed and Bill Roach, the latter wanted in Chicago for wife murder and the former for complicity, were arrested near Eddyville, Lyon county, by officers who had been advised that they were in hiding along the Cumberland river. Smith made a confession, but Merry will not talk. Smith's confession was to the effect that he was wanted in Chicago for complicity in the killing of Merry's wife and that his companion was William Merry, who was also wanted for wife murder. He would not admit that either he or Merry killed the woman.

Tocornal Gets the Call.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—A dispatch from Santiago de Chile says that Senor Ismael Tocornal has been intrusted with the task of forming a new cabinet. Senor Tocornal was minister of finance in the cabinet formed last June by Senor Ortego Huco, to succeed the Antunez ministry. At that time he was invited by President Errazuriz to construct a cabinet, but declined the task.

Dined by President Zelaya.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, via Galveston, Dec. 16. President Zelaya gave an elaborate banquet last evening to the incoming United States minister, the Hon. Lewis H. Baker. Covers were laid for 50. Mr. Baker will leave for New York [illegible], going by way of Panama.

Gold Coast's Governor Dead.

[illegible]ON, Dec. 16.—Sir William Ed[illegible]l, governor and commander-[illegible] the gold coast since 1895, [illegible]e off Grand Canary, southwest England. He had had [illegible] of fever while on the

THE NATIONAL GUARD.

Commission Has Been Appointed to Consider Its Reorganization.

ALBANY, Dec. 16.—For several years there has been talk of reorganizing the state national guard so that its form of organization would be more nearly like that of the United States army. Two successive national guard association conventions have urged putting the guard on a more permanent basis by having a major general to command and making it one division.

Adjutant General C. Whitney Tillinghast has, after a year of thought upon the subject and after 20 years of active service in the guard decided, with the approval of the governor, to recommend the reorganization upon the lines suggested and last night appointed a commission to meet in this city Monday afternoon next to receive the suggestions and embody them in a bill to be approved by the governor and then submitted to the legislature.

The commission is a representative one and consists of Colonel Frederick Phelps, assistant adjutant general; Colonel Samuel M. Welch of the Sixty-fifth regiment, Buffalo; Colonel Daniel Appleton of the Seventh regiment, New York; Colonel William W. Ladd, Jr., of Brooklyn, assistant judge advocate general; Colonel McCoskery Butt of the Twelfth regiment, New York; Captain Jacob W. Miller of the naval militia; Lieutenant Colonel Ezra de Forest of the Twenty-third regiment, Brooklyn; Major Charles F. Roe of Squadron A, New York, and Captain E. Goodier of the Forty-fourth Separate company, Utica. The adjutant general will submit a proposed form of organization which the commission will consider.

FIGHT AT A PARTY.

Revolver Shots Interrupt Festivities, Three Men Being Killed.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ga., Dec. 16.—A fight took place at the residence of R. L. Califf, where a house party was in progress. Amusement was at its height, when Shaw Griffin, a young man under the influence of liquor became too offensive in his manner toward the young ladies. Mr. Califf remonstrated with him and advised him to go home. This enraged Griffin, and he drew a pistol and began to rave and make threats against his host.

Califf, knowing Griffin to be a dangerous man, prepared himself and ordered the offender to leave the house. This precipitated a fight. Seven shots were exchanged, both principals dropped dead, and Clarence Jones, a young man, was also instantly killed, the three men falling within a radius of a few feet.

As soon as the first shot rang out, the young ladies began to flee for their lives, and before the room was cleared two of them were fatally wounded.

Widow Murdered In New Jersey.

TRENTON, Dec. 16.—Mrs. Elizabeth Gunn, a widow aged 75 years, was found murdered at her home on the outskirts of this city last evening. The discovery was made by a storekeeper's clerk who had called to deliver goods. Mrs. Gunn was found lying on the floor with a towel tied around her mouth. Death was caused by suffocation. Investigation by the police shows the house to have been ransacked, and the theory is that the perpetrators had gone to the house for the purpose of robbery and had only intended to gag Mrs. Gunn.

Escaped Prisoners Recaptured.

CHAMBERSBURG, Pa., Dec. 16.—William Winters and Albertus Staley, two of the jailbirds who escaped here on [illegible] are still at large. Tu saws with which they cut through the ceilings were purchased by a New York sweetheart of Thomas Grant, one of the escaped burglars, and the rope which let them down after cutting through the ceilings and breaking through the grating at the end of the jail was a piece of clothesline. Searching parties are out after the others.

Glove Factory Burned.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 16.—A dispatch from Warner says that the Merrimac Glove company's factory in that town was burned. It is believed the fire was caused by spontaneous combustion in the oilroom. The loss is about $30,000 and the insurance $20,000. The factory employed over 100 hands.

Banffy's Bill Adopted.

BUDAPEST, Dec. 15.—A conference of the Liberal party, after a long speech by Baron Banffy, the premier, unanimously adopted his bill for the provisional extension arrangement between Austria and Hungary.

Would Be Murderer Suicides.

JERSEY CITY, Dec. 16.—Bernard Schultz, a wholesale tobacco merchant, shot and dangerously wounded his wife last night and then killed himself at his home in Clifton park, Weehawken heights. He was evidently insane.

Almshouse Partially Burned.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 16.—The almshouse at Dewittville was partially destroyed by fire last night. The inmates all escaped uninjured. A lamp which exploded in the room of an inmate caused the fire.

Earthquake In Bermuda.

HALIFAX, Dec. 16.—A special from Bermuda states that there was a sharp shock of earthquake there. It was of brief duration but was sufficiently severe to awaken and alarm people. The seismic movement was from south to north. No damage resulted.

New Minister to Siam.

CHARLOTTE, Mich., Dec. 16.—Professor King of Olivet college will be the next United States minister to Siam. Senator Burrows says that the president will send in his name at once.

BONAI GIVES WAY.

Caught In Trap When Put Under Cross Examination.

FORCED TO ADMIT THAT HE LIED.

The Alleged Slayer Attacks His Wife Vehemently, Alleging That She Wrote Many Letters to Him Urging Him to Crime.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 16.—The Hon. Samuel Fessenden, as state attorney in the Nichols murder trial, cross examined Charles Bonai and succeeded in confusing him to such an extent that on one occasion the man, who was doing his best to testify his way to life, had to halt, consider and surrender practically unconditionally and admit that he lied on the direct examination.

The cross examination was pronounced to be one of the ablest ever heard in a Fairfield county court. Not a detail of the man's career, apparently, and not the slightest incident in connection with the murder of Nichols was forgotten. Mr. Fessenden began his cross examination quietly, but warmed to his work rapidly and discharged at Bonai a wonderful volley of questions, which surprised him and finally riddled him. Bonai at first maintained his nonchalance and bore out temporarily the reputation which he had made for himself as a remarkable witness.

During the forenoon a short recess was taken, and when it was concluded Mr. Fessenden again went at the prisoner unrelentingly and for an hour and a half bombarded Bonai with searching questions. Recalling the tragedy and its aftermath step by step, Mr. Fessenden reached that point of Bonai's direct testimony where the prisoner told of his conversation with Mrs. Bonai at Mrs. Bassett's house, in Huntington, after the night's work. Here it was that Bonai was caught, and he meekly undertook to extricate himself from the cleverly set trap.

The feature of the afternoon session was the dramatic manner in which the prisoner deserted his wife. For an hour he told of his wife's alleged nefariousness, and in no wise did he spare her.

The most interesting incident of the afternoon, however, was the bringing out of a letter written by Bonai to his wife in November from the jail. Bonai admitted that he wrote the letter in the hope that it would reach the public and said he wrote it for the purpose of keeping up the farce.

In the letter he concocted all sorts of schemes to secure sympathy in case the letter was published. He told of his love for her, asked her forgiveness for the trouble he had caused her and asked her not to go on the stand, adding that conviction was sure even if she did not testify. He explained to Mr. Fessenden that he only referred to the case of robbery and not to the murder when he said conviction was certain.

Bonai said his wife wrote him dozens of letters before their marriage, in which she told him if he did not make more money they could not get married and advising him to go back to the old life and steal. He said the first letter in which his wife advised him to enter a life of crime was in September, 1896, while in Catskill, N. Y. In that letter she hinted that if "I was not more successful in my business enterprises I would have to go 'poaching' to get money enough if I intended to get married."

He said that the people in the neighborhood thought his wife a Christian woman and he would not have shown up her true character had she remained true to him, but now that he found out she was not he felt it his duty to tell the truth about her.

An International Wedding.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 16.—Senhor Epaminondas Leite Chermont, Brazilian consul at London was married at the cathedral last night to Helen Mary Sloan, daughter of James Sloan Jr., president of the Farmers and Merchants National bank. Among the guests were Senhor Salvador de Mendonca, Brazilian minister to this country, and his family and Senhor Fontoura Xavier, Brazilian consul at New York.

Sequel to the Yantic Collision.

MONTREAL, Dec. 15.—The Dominion government, as owners of the steamer La Canadienne, in company with the charterers of that boat, has decided to take action against the United States government, through the vice admiralty court at Quebec, for the sum of $10,000, that being the amount at which the damage sustained in the collision between the Yantic and La Canadienne was estimated.

Nurse Robs Her Patient.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Detectives of the Mercer street station are looking for Mabel Price, said to be a comely young woman, who, it is said, drugged and then robbed an elderly widow, Mrs. Mattie Colgate, she was retained to nurse and look after. The scheming girl got away with $1,000 worth of property, it is said, and left tracks too nebulous for the police to follow.

Cripplegate Fire Not Accidental.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—During the course of the inquiry into the recent great fire in the Cripplegate district of London the city solicitor asserted that the expert evidence had proved that the fire was not accidental, and the evidence agreed that the fire started in a stack of clothing in Waller & Brown's showroom.

King of Dudes Free.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—J. Waldere Kirk, "king of the western dudes," accused of having shot E. Ward Maddenham on Nov. 15, has been discharged from custody by Magistrate Flammer.

TWENTY-TWO LOST.

Disastrous Shipwreck on the Vancouver Coast.

MAY MEAN STARVATION TO HUNDREDS

It Is Supposed the Missing Men Took to the Boats and Were Blown Out to Sea—The Captain and the Purser Safe.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—The Merchants' Exchange has received a telegram from Nanaimo, B. C., in which the captain of the missing steamer Cleveland says that his vessel has been wrecked on the coast of Vancouver island.

The purser of the ship has arrived at Nanaimo, having gone across the island. He reports 22 of the crew missing. It is supposed they took to the boats and were blown out to sea.

The Cleveland left here for Seattle about ten days ago, and it is known that she encountered fierce gales. She carried a crew of 30 men and about 12 passengers. The Cleveland was a large iron steamer and had a series of mishaps. She was owned by Charles Nelson and was commanded by Captain C. F. Hall.

The loss of the Cleveland may mean starvation to hundreds. The Cleveland was laden with hundreds of tons of provisions for the Klondike miners. The supplies were destined for Taiya and Skagguay. They were imperatively needed to keep alive the army of miners there.

The loss means that they will be forced to go to short rations early in the winter. As the gravest fears of starvation have been expressed, even counting with the Cleveland's supplies, it is certain that the suffering will be increased greatly.

It is supposed the steamer's machinery became disabled and that she was blown out of her course while under sail. The steamer went ashore at Cape Beals, on the west coast of Vancouver island.

The following is a list of her officers and crew: C. F. Hall, captain; D. B. Murgess, first mate; M. E. Henderson, second mate; H. Halvin, third mate; C. Huzzar, chief engineer; R. R. O'Neil, assistant engineer; F. Thomas, second assistant engineer; N. M. Monroe, steward; Walter Davis, cook; N. Berkin, assistant cook; G. Flebrok, waiter; Robert Islester, carpenter; James Forn, J. Harana, B. Crawley, John Gallagher, seamen; Hendrick Danielson, John Foster, Peter Martin, Bert Larsen, A. Kolnig, J. Hansen, Alexander Lynch, F. McCall and A. Falkner, firemen.

The passengers were W. L. Detrick and Frank Garthan.

To Look For the Crew.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 16.—The government steamer Quadra has received instructions to proceed at once to the scene of the Cleveland disaster with a rescuing corps to search for any trace of the missing crew or passengers.

Relief For Klondike Miners.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 16.—The Klondike relief committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce has secured pledges for more than 100 tons of provisions.

Fatally Stricken at a Meeting.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—W. W. Pasko, secretary of the Typothetæ, the organization of employing book and job printers, died yesterday in the Hudson Street hospital. He fainted in the rooms of the Typothetæ, 106 Fulton street, during a conference between representatives of his association and Typographical union No. 6, which resulted in averting the threatened printers' strike.

$100,000 Fire In Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16.—While fighting a fire in the five-story building at 10-5 Market street last night Fireman George Gaw was struck by a live wire and fell from the third floor landing of the fire escape to the ground, sustaining probably fatal injuries. John Connors of Engine company No. 20 was hurt by falling bricks. The total loss will easily reach $100,000, covered by insurance.

Two Italians Murdered.

STAMFORD, Conn., Dec. 16.—A double murder took place last night in the lower part of this city. The victims are Filippo Corelli and Augustino Corelli, his brother, Italian laborers, aged 43 and 46, respectively, and the murderer is Antonio Demarco, a nephew, aged about 19 years. The affair was the outcome of an altercation over money matters.

Appendicitis, Loss of Office, Suicide.

WATERLOO, N. Y., Dec. 16.—William Hooper shot himself dead yesterday. He had been in ill health and subject to spells of mental depression since he was operated on for appendicitis two years ago. He was obliged for this reason to resign his office as justice of the peace some time since. He leaves a wife, four sons and two daughters.

Big Blaze In Somerville.

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Dec. 16.—The summer residence of former State Senator William J. Keys was burned to the ground last night. It contained many valuable oil paintings and other works of art. These were badly damaged. The cause of the fire is unknown. The loss is estimated at about $60,000.

Alibi Won Easton's Discharge.

MARTINS FERRY, O., Dec. 16.—Jack Easton, the ball player who was arrested, charged with murdering George Archer at Nassau, N. Y., has been discharged. The books of the Atlas Standard mills show that Easton worked there all of the week in which the murder occurred.

HOW WARNER ESCAPED.

Johnny Conway's Abductor, Just Caught, Narrates His Experiences.

ALBANY, Dec. 15.—District Attorney Burlingame has obtained from the governor's office the blank forms upon which to make up requisition papers for Albert S. Warner, the kidnaper of Johnny Conway, who has just been caught in Kansas City. The papers will be made out for the governor of Missouri.

A telegram from Detective McCann to this city details that he had traced Warner through many states. Warner told McCann that after his escape from Conway and his friends in the woods near here he boarded a train. When near Schenectady, he learned that the conductor knew who he was, and before the train reached town he jumped from it and walked to Kingston, 76 miles, where he took a train to Jersey City. He stayed there five days with a friend, who peached on him, but he got away and felt so blue over his prospects that he had decided to give himself up to the police.

He was walking to the police station for the purpose, when he saw a bicycle standing at the crub in front of a store. He made up his mind to flee. Jumping on the wheel, he rode off and kept going until he reached Riley, Kan. He went south and had been in Alabama, Tennessee and as far west as New Mexico and as far north as St. Paul, traveling from city to city. Then he struck out for Kansas. He pawned the bicycle a few days ago.

JOSEPH LADUE WEDS.

The Love Romance of Klondike Mining King Ends Happily.

PLATTSBRUG, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Joseph Ladue of Dawson City has been married to Miss Katharine Mason of Schuyler Falls, Clinton county.

About 16 years ago, the neighbors say, Ladue, then a poor young man, sought the hand of Miss Mason, but her parents objected because of Ladue's poor worldly prospects. Thereupon Ladue packed up his little belongings and went west. He tried a number of mining camps and met with varying success. At last he went to Alaska, where, it is said, his property today is worth millions.

Ladue came back to his old home in Clinton county last summer to claim Miss Mason's hand. It is said she will accompany her husband when he returns to Dawson City next March.

To Lexow Chicago's Police.

SPRINGFIELD, Ills., Dec. 16.—A sensation was created among the Democratic members of the legislature by the introduction by Senator Lundin (Rep.) of a resolution calling for the appointment of a Lexow committee to investigate the Chicago police force. The resolution states in effect that on account of numerous scandals that have arisen regarding the management of the police in Chicago the morals, safety and security of the people of Chicago require such an investigation. Senator Lundin claims to have enough votes pledged to pass it.

Postmasters Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The following fourth class postmasters have been appointed: Connecticut—East Willington, Mrs. D. A. Ryder; Kensington, R. A. Moore. New Jersey—Change Water, Eugene Castner, Netcong, J. S. Young. Pennsylvania—Skinner's Eddy, T. E. Vosburg. Vermont—Morgan Center, J. H. Gilmore. New York—Constableville, Henry J. Hinton; Corona, Murdo McPhail; Middle Village, Thomas E. Pennell; Westford, Waldo Skinner; Westville, John M. Cady; Woodhull, Delancy Colvin.

Ex-Governor Evans Married.

WATERBURY, Conn., Dec. 16.—The residence of Mr. and Mrs. David S. Plume, on Johnson street, was the scene of the marriage of their only daughter, Miss Emily Mansfield Plume, to ex-Governor John Gary Evans of Aiken, S. C. The wedding guests included members of the groom's family from Edgefield, S. C., and relatives and friends of the bridal couple from New York, New Haven, Philadelphia and Houston.

Phenacetine Sells Cheap'y.

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 16.—A large amount of phenacetine and other drugs valued at $3,000, which, it is claimed, were illegally brought into this country by Gilbert M. King, were sold at auction by the United States marshal for $200. A representative of the owners of the patent rights on the drugs gave notice before the auction that the purchaser would be sued if he offered them for sale.

Knocked Out of Boat and Drowned.

NYACK, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Joseph Hartwick, an old resident of West Nyack, aged 65 years, went out in a small boat on the Hackensack river. A swift current carried him under a bridge, and he was knocked overboard and drowned. His body was recovered. He leaves a widow and several children.

A Million Dollar Cargo.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—One million dollars is the estimated value of the cargo of the Russian barkentine Baring which has arrived in port. The cargo represents the major portion of the business done by the Russian Seal and Fur company during the season just closed.

Fined For Giving Trading Stamps.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Dec. 16.—Judge Tucker, in the district court, decided that the trading stamp system was illegal. W. T. Patherbridge was fined $20 and costs for giving stamps with a purchase. The case against him was brought up to test the system.

Durrant Re-sentenced.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—The murderer, Durrant, has been sentenced to be hanged Jan. 7 next for the murder of Blanche Lamont.

MEANT IT FOR LEE?

Explosive Tube Found at U. S. Consulate In Havana.

MADRID OFFICIALS ISSUE A NOTE.

Purport Is to Deny Rumors Regarding the Relations Between Spain and the United States and Agitation in the Spanish Army.

HAVANA, Dec. 16.—A small box, apparently made to contain samples of some description, was found yesterday morning at the Casa Nueva, where the United States consulate is situated. An examination of the box showed it to contain a tube filled with an explosive substance.

Fortunately the cover was not removed in the ordinary way, but was splintered open. Underneath the cover was a piece of sandpaper, intended to light a box of matches and thus bring about an explosion.

Denial of Strained Relations.

MADRID, Dec. 16.—An official note was issued last night describing as "inventions and exaggerations intended to mislead the people," the sinister rumors as to the relations between Spain and the United States, the supposed effect of President McKinley's message, the agitation in the army, the attack on the American consulate in Havana and the report that filibusters sunk the floating dock there.

It urges the people to "distrust the foreign press" and to rely only on "news directly emanating from Madrid and Havana."

The Weylerist organ, La Nacional, believes that General Weyler expressed his ideas on the situation to the queen regent with great frankness and notably his indignation as a soldier against "President McKinley's unjustifiable insults" and the government's indifference to the army's honor.

La Nacional adds: "General Weyler is satisfied with his reception at the palace, and the day has been a bad one for the government." It says also that General Weyler and the minister of war, Genera Correa, had an interview that was "unsatisfactory to both."

Bequest For Scholars' Teeth.

BUTLER, Pa., Dec. 16.—An odd bequest has been made in the will of the late Colonel James Cooper McKee, who died here Saturday. After disposing of an estate valued at $35,000 among relatives he bequeaths his library of 50,000 volumes to the public schools of Butler and leaves $2,000 to the school board in trust, the interest to be used in keeping clean and giving proper care to the teeth of school children whose parents or guardians are unable to bear the expense. This sum is given on condition that the proper care of the teeth is made a part of the hygienic course of study. The Butler school board will accept the conditions. Colonel McKee was a retired army surgeon.

General Gardiner Dead.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—General Sir Henry Lynedoch Gardiner is dead. He was born in 1820 and was a son of General Sir Robert Gardiner. He was educated at the Royal Military academy, Woolwich, and entered the Royal artillery in 1837, serving at Prescott, Canada, in that year and in the Canadian rebellion in the year following. In 1861 he was on the royal commission on defense of Canada as a lieutenant colonel.

English Syndicate Given Time.

HARTFORD, Dec. 16.—The directors of the Willimantic Linen company have extended the option on the stock of the company until Jan. 18. The option which a supposed English syndicate has had on the stock for some months, by which it secured the privilege of buying out the capital stock of $2,000,000 at $31.25 a share, par value $25, or at 125, was supposed to have expired yesterday.

Masters and Men Agree.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The aspect of the engineering dispute is more hopeful. It is understood that the combined committee of masters and men has arrived at an agreement as to the three leading points in dispute—freedom of employment, piece work and over time. When the remainder of the points have been settled, the committee will report to the conference for approval.

Killed by President's Train.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 16.—The special train bearing President McKinley, Mrs. McKinley, Abner McKinley, the members of the cabinet and a number of friends, soon after it left Canton, struck and instantly killed Louis Monnet, a laborer, who was walking on the track. His head was torn from his body. The president was much distressed at the accident.

Sues to Annul Two Marriages.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Jacob Mayers of Phoenixville, Pa., has begun two actions in the supreme court to annul the marriages of his daughters, Cara and Sophia, who eloped from Phoenixville with their mature idols, John Demanovitz and John H. Bush, members of the "Under the Polar Star" company, and came here to wed last October.

Sanction For Non-Catholic Weddings.

LIMA, Peru, via Galveston, Dec. 16.—After a warm debate the senate, by a vote of 23 to 15, passed the bill as to non-Catholic marriages, which had already received the sanction of the chamber of deputies.

Illinois Fruit Grower Dead.

DIXON, Ills., Dec. 16.—A. R. Whitney, 73 years of age, died at his home, in Franklin Grove. He was a native of New York. Mr. Whitney had the first nursery in northern Illinois and the largest orchard in the state.

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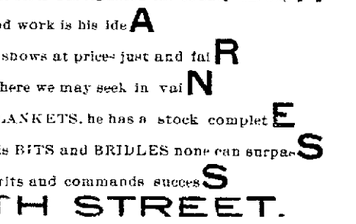

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The happiest and most successful health seekers of our latter-day world are probably the summer guests of the Trauben Kuren, or grape-cure gardens, that were established some fifty years ago in the neighborhood of Berne, and can now be found all over Switzerland, France, the Rhineland countries and southern Austria, says Chautauquan.

Guests eat a very light breakfast. Weather permitting, they then scatter in quest of a sharp appetite. The serious work of the day begins at ten a. m., when the gates of the vineyard are opened for the forenoon lunch. Helping yourself is the order of the day. Gossipers stroll up and down the leafy avenues, culling tidbits here and there; business men gather a good supply and retreat with a book to some shady nook to spice their lunch with a utilitarian discourse. If a glutton desires to eat his money's worth to the last penny the landlord gives him a fair chance; cookery counts the proceedings of the lunch party, and the dinner bell does not ring before three p. m. In other words, the grape cullers get a five-hours' opportunity to eat their fill, and experts can get away with 15 pounds more easily and with infinitely less risk to their hygienic interests than a brewery employe with 15 schooners of alcoholized barley swill.

Grapes, it is true, are chiefly sweet water with a subtle flavoring from nature's own laboratory; but in no other form can the human organism absorb so large a quantity of blood-purifying liquids with such a minimum of distressing after effects. The expugative fluid reaches every part of the system, rinsing out morbid humors and restoring congested organs to a healthy state of functional activity, for reasons which, traced to their ultimate significance, mean that man, in spite of nature, is a frugivorous, not a carnivorous nor a herbivorous biped.

AMOUNT OF MOISTURE IN SOIL.

Scientific Agriculturists Discover a Way of Determining.

Scientific agriculturists have always had a difficulty in determining precisely the amount of moisture in soils, says the Los Angeles Times. Rain does plants comparatively little good until it enters the soil, where it can be absorbed by their roots. A record of the actual amount of water in the soil from day to day would, therefore, give the absolute value of the moisture conditions under which plants are growing, and even without reference to rainfall data it would show the character of the soil being understood, whether the conditions were favorable or otherwise for the crop. Hitherto there has been much uncertainty in reaching this record. A plan now proposed is quite promising, and can be readily put in practice. It consists in burying specially constructed electrodes in the soil, so that by measuring the resistance to the passage of a current through the soil the amount of moisture in the soil can be ascertained. The possibility of using the electrical resistance of soils for the determination of moisture was suggested by the necessity of thoroughly grounding lightning rods, telephone and telegraph lines. If these are not carried to a considerable depth, so that the terminals are constantly in a moist soil, the lines do not work in dry seasons.

COST OF GERMAN COLONIES.

Too High as Compared with Advantages Secured.

Germany can scarcely be considered as successful in her efforts to secure fame as a colonizing power, says the New York Tribune. The estimated cost of colonies for the coming year is fixed, according to the imperial budget, at $2,000,000, in return for which she is able to point to 1,803 colonists, all told, of which number half are soldiers and officials. With regard to the trade, Germany's exports to her colonies do not amount to $1,500,000 per annum, so that from a business point of view the undertaking can scarcely be considered as a profitable one. It is evident that the fault lies with the German government rather than with the German merchants. The latter thrive and prosper to a phenomenal degree in the United States, and in all those English colonies where initiative, enterprise and commerce are not submitted to all the regulations and hampering restrictions that seem to be inherent to Germany's notions of colonial administration.

The Gizeh Pyramid.

The great pyramid of Gizeh is the most structure of any kind ever erected by the hand of man. Its original dimensions at the base were 764 feet square, and its perpendicular height in the highest point is 488 feet; it covers nearly 13 acres, one rood and twenty-two perches of ground, and has been estimated by an eminent English architect to have cost not less than £30,000,000, which in United States currency would be about $145,200,000. Internal evidences proved that the great pyramid was begun about the year 2170 B. C., about the time of the birth of Abraham. It is estimated that about 5,000,000 tons of hewn stone were used in its construction, and the evidence points to the fact that these stones were brought a distance of about 700 miles from quarries in Arabia.

Oldest House in New England.

A tablet placed by the Society of Colonial Dames on the old Whitefield house in Guilford, Conn., was unveiled last week. This stone house was built in 1639, and is the oldest in New England. It was used for years as a meeting house.

What He Was After.

Congressman—So you want to serve your country, do you?

Applicant—Well, I ain't particular whether I serve my country much or not, but I should like to get an office at a good salary.—Somerville Journal.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Prospectors at Victoria report a rich find of gold at Tom Creek.

In the football match in London, Oxford scored 2 tries and Cambridge nothing.

Professor Stockmeyer has predicted a big blizzard in the northern states on Dec. 21.

Byron Gilbert, aged 7, of Topeka has been granted a conditional license to practice law when he arrives at 21.

Bishop John M. Walden of the Methodist Episcopal church has been assigned to the European conferences.

The Canadian cruiser Osprey has seized the Gloucester schooner Phillips for alleged violations of customs laws.

The schooner Susan P. Thurlow was wrecked on Cushing island, three miles from Portland, Me., and six lives were lost.

An agent of the United States has arrived at Trondhjem, Norway, to buy reindeer for the Klondike relief expedition.

Aberdeen Sent a Tribute.

TORONTO, Dec. 16.—The funeral of Mrs. Janet Carlyle Hanning, the sister of Thomas Carlyle, took place yesterday from the residence of W. J. Laing, her son-in-law. The remains were taken to Hamilton for interment. Among the floral gifts was a delicate cross of white roses and maidenhair fern, with an accompanying card, on which was written, "A tribute of respect to the memory of Thomas Carlyle's sister, with sincere sympathy, from the Earl and Countess of Aberdeen."

Cardinal's Hat For Corrigan.

ROME, Dec. 16.—It is affirmed that the pope will, in one of his next consistories, create Archbishop Corrigan a cardinal, with the right of succession to Cardinal Gibbons and the added dignity of primate of the Catholic church of the United States.

Hanna Well Again.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Senator Hanna of Ohio returned to Washington last night. He was apparently in good health and appeared satisfied with the situation in Ohio.

Epicurean Convicts.

Massachusetts convicts are getting epicurean. Not content with Boston baked beans for breakfast every day, they have just sent in a petition for custard pie every Sunday.

As He Understood It.

"Benny," asked the Sunday school teacher, "what is your idea of a hypocrite?"

"A feller that pretends to think that another feller's bike is better than his," replied Benny Bloobumper.—Judge.

An Easy Way Out.

"No, I can't give you a job. I've as many hands now as I can find work for."

"Well, that needn't stand in your way, guv'nor. The little I'd do wouldn't make no difference."—Tit-Bits.

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Nos 6-8 East Main Street, Middletown.

From Now Until Christmas Day, Grand Sale of Toys and Holiday Gifts for All.

Our store in its Holiday Dress is like a glimpse of Faryland. Magnificent display and tempting novelties attract the eye of the visitor. Holiday gifts are grouped in rich assortments all over the place, with immense assortments of stock, extra salespeople, everything to make holiday shopping with us a comfort as well as an economy, has been done. We point with pride to our splendid selections of goods suitable for Holiday Gifts for young and old, and to the alluring low prices at which we are able to sell them.

DOLLS.

A Beauty Show—

Our Doll Exhibit is incomparably superior to any expectation you may have formed from what you see elsewhere.

Dressed Dolls and Dolls to Dress

of all nativities and complexions. No description can do them justice. All should come and see them. Note these prices, much lower than elsewhere. Here are a few price hints:

500 China Dolls Each 3c.

12c China Dolls each 7c. 25c Dressed Dolls each 15c, 50c Kid Body Dolls bisque head and flowing hair, each 35c, 75c Dressed Dolls each 35c, $1 Dressed Dolls and Kid Body Dolls each 75c.

One Thing

We want to say here. While we have a reasonably large quantity of everything advertised here, we not guarantee every lot to last until Christmas. The early comer will find everything advertised here.

TOYS.

The Most Substantial Toys for Children

are those made of Malleable Iron. At Tompkins' you will buy them much lower than elsewhere—Toy Scales 10 and 13c, worth 15 to 25c. Tin Stoves, with furniture 5 and 10c, worth 10 and 15c. Tin Kitchen, with furniture, 10 and 15c. Iron Wagon and Horse, value 23c, at 25c. Fire Engine, Horse and Driver, value 25c, at 19c. Big Iron State Banks 25 and 15c. Iron Ranges 25 and 15c. A few very large ones $1 50. Big Iron Wagons 19c. Iron Passenger Trains, 10c size, 9c. Iron Surrey, with horse, 25c. Iron Coal Carts, with driver, 19c. Iron Coal Carts 10c. Big Hook and Ladder or Fire Engine, with horses and fireman, a regular $1 50 toy, at 85c.

Other Toys.

Doll Cradles, large ones, 10, 15, 25c. Black boards 25, 35c; with changeable figures 75c. Tool Chests 35, 50c and higher. Wooden Hay Carts, with handles, 10c. Boys' Coasting Sleighs 10 and 25c. Toy Wheelbarrows 10. Doll Swings 15c. Nine Pins, per set, 19, 35, 65c. Babies' Rattles, Boys' Tops, Trumpets, Childs' Sets, consisting of knife, fork and spoon, 10 and 15c a set. Shoo Fly Baby's Rocking Horses, the kind that cannot fall over, 75c. Card Games of all kinds 5 and 10c. China tea Sets, nicely decorated and put up in strong box, 25c. Drums, the flat, tall, wood or brass, all prices. Toy Pianos in every style.

How Beautiful the Store Looks in Its Holiday Attire.

Every section trimmed up to look its prettiest. Everywhere you chance to glance something new. A stroll through the store will prove an hour's enjoyable entertainment.

A Great Handkerchief Sale.

It was said of a great physician, he gave of his best cures: "He always attends to my case as if he had only one case to think of." We aim to sell Handkerchiefs as if we sold nothing else, and we don't know of another handkerchief store in Middletown like this one. In holiday time Handkerchiefs pervade the whole store at prices astonishing low.

At 3c Each.

200 dozen colored border, hem stitched Handkerchiefs.

At 5c Each.

Embroidered, plain hem stitched and lace edge Handkerchiefs.

At 10c Each.

Fine plain white, hem stitched beautiful Swiss embroidered and mens or ladies' initial Handkerchiefs.

At 12½c Each,

Ladies' elegant fine Swiss embroidered, men's imitation silk, initialed Handkerchiefs.

At 15c Each.

Ladies' fine initialed hem stitched Handkerchiefs, ladies' silk, hem stitched Handkerchiefs, ladies' fine Swiss embroidered Handkerchiefs.

At 25c Each,

Ladies' very fine embroidered Handkerchiefs, worth 35c.

At 49c Each,

Ladies' all linen beautiful embroidered Handkerchiefs, men's silk initialed Handkerchiefs, beautiful goods and worth 75c each.

Christmas Gloves.

You've heard of the old lady who knit mittens and said she lost on every pair. How could she do it? Couldn't, she said, only that she sold so many. That's not far from true with our Christmas Gloves.

Child's Kid Mittens,

Nicely lined fur tops, 50c a pair.

Ladies' Fine Kid Gloves

or Mittens, lined, fur tops, $1 a pair.

Ladies' Fine Silk Mittens

$1 00.

Holiday Umbrellas.

A most suitable Christmas present. Nowhere can you buy them at these prices. Umbrellas with fancy Congo, Wexel Celluloid and Dresden handles $1 50, $1 98, $2 50 and $3 98 each.

Silks and Dress Goods.

A standard holiday gift for ladies. The one thing that you cannot make a mistake on, for there isn't a woman in the land who would not appreciate a handsome new dress. Tompkins' Silk and Dress Goods Department is resplendent with beautiful goods, and the prices through our are very much lower than goods of equal excellence can be bought elsewhere.

Ladies' Fine Jackets.

It is usual to wait until after the holidays to mark down prices of Jackets. Every jacket we have must be sold this season so we have made after season prices right now. If you need a jacket or cape or think of making a Christmas present of one you will get it at Tompkins' at the usual after holiday price now. This extraordinary lot of jackets consists in part of the following fine goods.

Double Breasted Fly Front Coats

of rich curly Boucle, buttoned high at neck, rolling storm collar, tailor back half lined with silk serge. Ladies fine imported Kersey Cloth Jackets, silk satin lined, stripped seamed, fly or high buttoned fronts, new style storm collar, all sizes 32 to 44.

Misses' Reefer Jackets.

Several styles made with wide sailor collars.

Holiday Books.

One lot Cloth Bound Books, many different titles, at 10c each. ANOTHER LOT CLOTH BOUND BOOKS, 25c elsewhere, at Tompkins' 15c each.

Cups and Saucers.

We made a lucky purchase of a lot of Cups and Saucers, all fine goods, nicely decorated. Monday we start to sell these goods at half regular price. Worth 20 and 10c, worth 30c at 15c, worth 50c at 25c. Fine Gilt Plates 10c each.

Table Covers and Curtains.

A Table Cover is like your hat, or nose or front door, it is the prominent feature that dominates the surroundings. These make useful Christmas presents.

Chenille Table Covers

75, 98c and $1 25 each.

Fine Damask Linen Table Covers

Figured, $1, $1.50 and $1.75, according to size.

Chenille Portiere Curtains

$1.98 and $2.98 per pair.

Blankets.

Continuation sale of the largest and most attractive Blanket stock in this city. Entire stock direct from the mills, no intermediate costs or profits. We start at 35c a pair for a fair article, this lot is slightly imperfect; then 75c, and offer at 98c a blanket that has positively not been equaled for less than $1 25. $2 Blanket for $1 50, $2 50 Blanket for $1 98, $3 Blanket at $2 25, $3.75 Blanket at $2 98, 10/4 Blanket, strictly all wool warp and filling, finished both sides, $3.98 a pair.

Fine California Wool Blankets

$4.98, $6.50 and $7.75 a pair.

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ONE NIGHT.

Monday Evng Dec. 20th.

THE CYCLONIC SUCCESS OF THE CENTURY.

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DEVIL'S AUCTION!

The Grand Christmas Pantomime

50—PEOPLE—50

SEE the Beautiful Ballets.
the Grand Scenery.
the Funny Chorus.
the Wonderful Phauts Bros.
the Bashful Maidens.
the Shy Old Maids.
the Biggest and Best Show You Ever Saw for the Money.

SEE

Prices $1, 75, 50, 35, 25c.

Casino Theatre

New Year's Eve, Friday, Dec. 31.

GEO. LEA'S SECOND ANNUAL MASQUERADE BALL!

Will Take Place on the Above Night.

This ball will eclipse anything of the kind ever attempted in Orange county.

$100 IN PRESENTS WILL BE GIVEN AWAY. READ THEM.

To the Lady Wearing the Finest Costume, a Handsome Dress Pattern To be seen in the store window of Geo B Adams & Co., North street.

To the Gentleman Wearing the Most Elaborate Costume, a Celluloid Necktie Box To be seen in the window of Tuthill's Pharmacy, on James St.

To the Lady Wearing the Most Grotesque Costume, a Pair of Newport Patent Leather Slippers To be seen in A. Samuels' shoe store, 11 North St.

To the Best Lady Waltzer, a Lady's Hat. To be seen in L. Stern's window, on North street

To the Homeliest Lady, a Parlor Lamp To be seen in the window of Crawford's furniture store, on North street

To the Prettiest Girl, a Bottle of Perfumery To be seen in the window of McMonagle & Rogers, on North street.

To the Youngest Widow, an Elegant Tea Gown. To be seen in Max Katzinger's window, Franklin Square.

To the Thinnest Man, an Immense Cake. To be seen in Isem in & Son's Bakery, on James street.

To the Gentleman Wearing the Most Grotesque Costume, an Easy Chair. To be seen in the window of France & Hathaway's furniture store, on East Main street.

To the Best Gentleman Waltzer, a Pair of Handsome Slippers. To be seen in the window of Frank W. VanSickle's shoe store, 58 North St.

To the Homeliest Man, a BOX of Cigars. To be seen in the window of Mills' Cigar Store, on North street

To the Person Selling the Most Tickets before the night of the ball, a Ten Dollar Gold Piece. To be seen in H. S. Dusenberry & Son's window on North street.

All the above presents can be seen in the different store windows advertised until 8 p m of the night of December 31st.

A SPECIAL ORCHESTRA, with the newest music has been engaged for the occasion, including some of the members of the WEST POINT BAND. Admission Prices:

Gents' Tickets 50c. Ladies' Tickets 25c. Spectators in the Balcony 25c.

Notice—Tickets purchased any time in advance before 9 o'clock, Thursday night, Dec. 30th, will be entitled to a Ladies' Ticket Free. Advance tickets now on sale at H. S. Dusenberry & Son's jewelry store.

RST NATIONAL BANK.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Dec. 10, 1897.

...nual election for directors of this bank ...t the banking rooms of the bank on ...y 11th, 1898, from 9 a. m. to 10 ...ering will be considered the ad... ...ding Article 3, of the articles of ... bank, which article determines ...ors to be elected.

...MOUR DEWITT, Cashier.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

THE COUNTY'S LEGISLATORS IN ANNUAL SESSION.

Probably the Last Week of the Session—Report on St. Mary's Home—Mileage and Fees for Transporting Prisoners to the Industrial School Fixed—School Commissioners' Expense Allowance Increased—A County House Resolution—Ballot Printing Bills Cut 15 Per Cent—Report on the Children's Home—Other Business.

Blooming Grove	Joseph E. Board, R
Chester	Geo. W. Fredericks, R
Cornwall	Charles Ketcham, D
Crawford	Sam'l D. Roberson, D
Deerpark	Thomas J. Quick, R
Goshen	J. E. Wells, R
Greenville	Samuel V. Jones, D
Hamptonburgh	Chas. P. Howell, R
Highlands	Louis F. Goodsell, R
Middletown—	
First Ward	James E. Brazee, R
Second Ward	Chas. J. Boyd, R
Third Ward	John E. Iseman, R
Fourth Ward	Nelson W. Wood, R
Minisink	Richard S. Tuthill, D
Monroe	Joseph Rake, R
Montgomery	Irving H. Loughran, R
Mount Hope	Chas. W. Loomis, R
Newburgh City—	
First Ward	John M. Wilson, R
Second Ward	Henry B. Lawson, R
Third Ward	Geo. Mosher, R
Fourth Ward	Hugh McKissock, D
Fifth Ward	Jonathan Taylor, D
Sixth Ward	J. J. E. Harrison, R
Newburgh Town	Wm. H. Post, R
New Windsor	Geo. Debenham, D
Tuxedo	Mahlon J. Brooks, R
Wallkill	H. D. Thompson, R
Warwick	Ira S. Smith, D
Wawayanda	John I. Bradley, D
Woodbury	John A. Patterson, R

GOSHEN, Dec. 15.—This will probably be the last week of the session, though its business may extend over until the early part of next week.

The first business, this morning, was the reading of the following report which speaks for itself:

Your committee appointed at the last session to visit St. Mary's Asylum for Orphan Children at Port Jervis respectfully submit the following report:

In September last we made our annual visit and were cordially received by the Sisters and Father Salley, who conducted us through the entire institution, from basement to garret, and a more model institution we never had the pleasure of visiting. Everything about the place denotes prosperity. The arrangements for lighting, heating and the sanitary conditions are in perfect order. Cleanliness seems to be the first law here.

One hundred and nineteen children—the lame, the halt and the blind—who, without the fostering care of the Sisters, would be thrown upon the mercies of this cold and unappreciative world, without even a friend's care, are here installed within a pleasant house with all the comforts and conveniences of a home. With a mother's care in sickness and distress their young lives are made joyous and happy. They are given an education which will tend to give them a start in life and be an important factor in fitting them to become useful citizens, an honor to their country and a credit to the institution.

We shall not presume to recommend anything, as this is one of the model institutions in the State.

I. H. LOUGHRAN,
S. D. ROBERSON,
Committee.

Mr. Quick made a supplemental report of an expenditure of $30 for two headstones for Middletown soldiers. It was received and drafts ordered drawn for the amount.

Mr. Post, Chairman of the Committee on Insane, Mutes' and Idiots' Accounts, reported his work completed and bills to the amount of $3,056.86 were audited.

Mr. Boyd, of Middletown, had a local matter which needed the interference of the Board of Supervisors to straighten out. It was referred to the Law Committee. It seems that the authorities of Middletown wish to send a child, or rather an infant, to a State industrial institution. The recorder of that city believed it necessary that the Board of Supervisors should designate what institutions such children should be sent to, and Mr. Boyd introduced the following resolution, which not also covered the point but also fixed the compensation of transportation.

Here is the resolution.

Resolved, That the compensation of officers transporting disorderly and delinquent children from the city of Middletown to the State Industrial School at Rochester be as follows:

For delivering prisoners, $2. Mileage each way $ 05. Transportation $1. For each additional prisoner mileage $.04

The Erie Railroad provided free transportation to the Supervisors for their annual visit to Orange Farm. A resolution of thanks introduced by Mr. Fredricks was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Quick's resolution making the amount allowed School Commissioners for expenses $300 was called up and after an amendment to lay on the table had been lost, it was carried by a vote of 18 to 10. A table showing the salaries paid other Commissioners in the State and the amount allowed by their counties for expenses was read showing that Orange county was among the lowest. The debate on the question was much the same when it was originally introduced and showed that the Comissioners were compelled to do much more work than formerly.

The next matter called up was a resolution of Mr. Wells, of Goshen, who asked that the Superintendents of the Poor be compelled to notify Supervisors whenever a person committed was charged to a town. Also that the Superintendents be authorized to correct errors in assignments. This resolution drew out a high-grade discussion. It was finally passed in the following form:

Resolved, That the Superintendents of the Poor be requested and authorized to correct any errors that may have been made in deciding the place of settlement of residence of any poor person in either one of the county institutions, and where wrongly placed give such towns credit for any improper charges that may have been made, but shall where proposed change is to be made notify the Supervisors of such towns as are interested, so that said towns may be represented.

Also that Superintendents of the Poor be requested to notify both the overseer and the Supervisor of the town interested whenever an inmate is received:

The bond of County Clerk Taggart was reported by the Law Committee as correct and was received and filed.

On motion of Mr. Bradley the Superintendents of the Poor were ordered to make a monthly report to each Supervisor as to the number of inmates at the county farm and the amount of the past month's bill due from each town.

Mr. Post asked permission to withdraw his act changing the time for the meeting of the Board in the spring. There was no objection.

Mr. Loughran then brought up the matter of the printing bills. He was one of the committee who were ordered to consult with the printers. He moved that a reduction of fifteen per cent. be made on the total and that the amount be paid from the General Fund. This was amended by Mr. Roberson, who asked that a reduction of twenty-five per cent. be made. The amendment was lost and the original motion prevailed. The total amount was thus reduced from $5,605 to $4,764.

The bill of Mrs. J. F. Brundage, whose husband, a clergyman, rendered services for six years at Orange Farm and which has already been reported, was ordered paid.

A bill of Thomas Merritt, Superintendent of the Poor, for extra services was on motion laid on the table.

The Children's Home Committee for Middletown reported:

"Our first visit was made July 24. The number of inmates at that time was 25, twenty-four boys and one girl. At our last visit Dec. 11, the number of inmates was 28, twenty-one boys and seven girls.

We found the Home and its surroundings in perfect order. Neatness and cleanliness prevailed in every department. The children were all in good health and appeared cheerful and contented. They are neatly and comfortably clad and are thoroughly clean and tidy in appearance. While the members of your committee would refrain from any words of compliment they deem it, but just to say that the management of the Children's Home at Middletown is in such hands as insures the tenderest care and kindest attention to all its inmates which certainly must have a tendency to the elevation of character thereby making better citizens of our great and common country.

JOHN I. BRADLEY,
J. E. BOARD,
Committee.

The Building Committee asked for an appropriation of $5,000 for the purpose of making alterations the former Surrogate's building. This went over under objection.

Mr. Howell, chairman of the U. S. Deposit Fund Committee, reported no change from last year. There is now $6,000 on deposit.

The Board adjourned until Thursday 10:30 a. m.

No Cause of Action.

In the suit brought by Charles H. Brink against Mrs. Hinchman for $15 for extra work on a job, before Justice Wiggins and a jury, Wednesday, the jury returned a verdict of no cause of action. The defense claimed that the work was included in a contract.

Burglary at Matamoras.

The store of A. W. Balch & Son, in Matamoras, was entered Tuesday night and robbed of goods worth $75. Entrance was effected by prying open a window. No clue.

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The Pyramid Pile Cures the Most Aggravated Cases of Piles With Absolute Safety.

Pyramid Pile Cure will cure the most aggravated case of hemorrhoids in an astonishingly short time. It relieves the congested parts, reduces the tumors instantly no matter how large, allays the inflammation and stops the aching or itching at once.

Thousands who have resorted to expensive surgical treatment have been cured by the Pyramid Pile Cure—in a number of instances persons who have spent months in a hospital under a pile specialist.

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This remedy is no longer an experiment, but a medical certainty.

Druggists sell it at 50 cents per box. It is becoming the most popular pile cure this country has ever known and druggists everywhere are ordering it for their customers.

For book on cause and cure of piles address Pyramid Co., Marshall, Mich. (formerly of Albion, Mich.)

Cure Your Stomach.

You can quickly do this by using South American Nervine. It can cure every case of weak stomach in the world. It always cures, never fails. It knows no failure. It will gladden your heart and put sunshine into your life. It is a most surprising cure. A weak stomach and broken nerves will drag you down to death. South American Nervine will help you immediately. No failures; always cures; never disappoints. Lovely to take. Sold by J. E. Mills, druggist Middletown, N. Y.

Mrs. Stark, Pleasant Ridge, O., says, "After two doctors gave up my boy to die, I saved him from croup by using One Minute Cough Cure." It is the quickest and most certain remedy for coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. W. D. Olney.

Disfigurement for life by burns or scalds may be avoided by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great remedy for piles and for all kinds of sores and skin troubles. W. D. Olney.

ORGAN RECITAL.

The Programme to Be Rendered at Grace Church, This Evening.

The following programme will be rendered at the organ recital in Grace Church, this evening, by Harvey Wickham, organist, assisted by Dr. Carl Martin, bass:

PART I.

"Prelude and Fugue," in E. Minor..... Bach
Mr Wickham.
"Honor and Arms" from Samson..... Handel
Dr Martin.
"Adagio Molto" from Opp. 115 ..... Merkel
Mr. Wickham.
"Scherzo"..... Hoffman
Mr. Wickham.

PART II.

"The Holy Child"..... Shelley
Dr. Martin.
"Sonata," in C. Minor..... Mendelssohn
Mr. Wickham.
"Caprice," in B. Flat..... Guilmant
Mr. Wickham.
"Unseen Kingdom"..... Lane
Dr. Martin.
Improvisation and Offertory.....
Overture—"The Coming of the King"..... Buck
Mr. Wickham.

SCARED BY A CHIPMUNK.

Why a Port Jervis Woman Called in the Neighbors to Catch a Burglar.

Mrs. W. H. Shearer, of Port Jervis, thought she heard a burglar in her bed room a few nights ago. She locked the bed room door and called in the neighbors. Ornaments and toilet articles were tumbled here and there but no trace of an intruder was found. Soon afterwards she again heard strange noises in the bedroom and again called in the neighbors and this time one of them found the cause of the trouble,—a chipmunk which was lurking in a dark corner. It had entered the room during the day through an open window and in running around had upset things and made a general disturbance.

A WHOLE FAMILY POISONED.

Twelve Persons Made Very Ill by Eating "Rough on Rats" Pancakes.

Mrs. John Shields' family of twelve persons, who live back of Shohola, Pa. came near dying a few days ago from the effects of "Rough on Rats." Mrs. Shields mixed the powder with some buckwheat flour and placed it where the rats could get it. Another member of the family used the poisoned flour in making pancakes of which all the family ate, the result being that all were made very sick, but a physician who was hastily summoned suceeded in bringing them around all right.

Many Burglaries in Newburgh.

Burglars were busy in Newburgh, Tuesday night. They entered the stores of John Corkedale, M. & L. Sansbury, T. J. Case, James Cochrane, James McGibbon and J. L. Miller and the hotel of John Eagan. But little booty was secured. The burglaries are believed to be the work of local talent.

A Brick Yard Trust Proposed.

The Poughkeepsie *Star* is informed that a brickyard syndicate is to be formed which will not only purchase all the brickyards along the Hudson, but all the lands suitable for brickyards along the river.

WURTSBORO.

A Generous Donation—Many Personal and Local Notes—Removals—Early Christmas Services.

Correspondence of ARGUS and MERCURY.

—Miss Gussie Parsells is on the sick list.

—Joseph Banks had returned from a visit with his sons in Port Chester.

—Jacob Helm is building a new barn for Mrs. A. C. Masten.

—Wesley and Fred St. John have completed a new roof on Thomas Healy's residence.

—The donation visit at J. A. Fulton's, Friday evening, was a most enjoyable affair and "Dominie" Clifton was the recipient of $86.

—Editor Hutchings, of the *Valley Ventura*, Cochecton, N. Y., was the guest of Geo. Hosier, of Haven, over Sunday. He paid his distresses to the sanctum of the "Wurtsboro Syndicate News" and pronounced the machinery, etc., a model of its kind, which, by the way, consists of a bottle of red ink, hektograph and several quires of manilla paper.

—Rev. Mr. Aylward has commenced housekeeping in Postmaster Dey's new house.

—Fred Newkirk, Burt Stanton and Misses Belle McCoubray and Lena Tice attended the S. Q. C. hop at Winfferton, Friday evening, and a report a most enjoyable time.

—John V. Doss will soon remove from the Hiram Masten farm to W. E. Osterhout's cottage on Sullivan street.

—Chas. Newkirk, after about eight years' service, has retired from the store of Fulton & Holmes.

—E. M. Westfall, of New York, was in town, Sunday.

Now doth the evening kid
On his good behavior be,
And he observes right and day
For guts from the Xmas tree

—Seymour Masten was in Circleville, Sunday, on pressing business.

—It is reported that Mrs. Ludlum, the efficient gate tender on the mountain, will soon retire from the position and remove to this village.

—Frank, a six-year-old son of Michael Coffey attempted to cross in front of a spirited horse driven by Mr. Barber on Monday. He was knocked down and run over, escaping with severe scalp wounds and several bruises.

—The Arcadian Quartette of male voices will be at the M. E. Church, on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Don't fail to hear them. Proceeds for the Epworth League.

—Services will be held in the Reformed Church, on Christmas morning, at 6 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Clifton suggests that people do not become alarmed if the bell is heard at 5 a. m. or thereabouts.

SALARY—NOTHING A YEAR.

A Preacher Who Dug Cellars and Mowed Grass That He Might Live.

"Preaching for nothing a year and finding himself," was the comment of a layman after he heard Rev. John Angelow tell of his tribulations in the Methodist Protestant conference the other day, reports the Philadelphia Record. While the general sentiment and sympathy were on the side of the preacher, there are those who think he should have withdrawn from the field rather than toil so laboriously to keep the wolf from the door when the people to whom he had been sent failed to rally to his support. The question has naturally arisen among the members of the conference as to how far a minister should go in his efforts to support himself while he has a regular charge.

Mr. Angelow's pathetic story of how he was compelled to dig cellars, mow grass, and do other laborious work in order to provide himself and those dependent upon him with the actual necessaries of life, and of his triumph in keeping out of debt during the past year, formed a chapter in the proceedings of the conference which will not soon be forgotten. It was easy to see behind the bare announcement of facts the long siege of self-sacrifice and woefully close economy which he must have gone through to make both ends meet.

Mr. Angelow is 60 years old, and for 12 years has been in full membership in the conference. While he is not a man of brilliant attainments nor high education, he is earnest, intelligent and faithful to the cause in which he is enlisted.

OYSTER GROWING IN A BOTTLE.

Interesting Curiosity Found in the Rappahannock River.

D. M. Nelson, agent of the Weems Steamboat company at Urbana, on the Rappahannock river, lately brought up to Baltimore a curiosity discovered by him which has created considerable interest among steamboat people about Light street wharf, reports the Baltimore American. It is a live oyster of large size growing out of the mouth of a yeast powder bottle, which was found on the shore of the Rappahannock river. The oyster is considerably larger than the bottle, and only a small portion is inside. Upon the sides of the bottle are several small oysters of tiny size, firmly fastened there. Mr. Nelson has brought up a story more wonderful than his oysters, and for which there has as yet been no evidence produced. It is of an old gentleman who lives near Urbana, and who, so the story goes, while bathing during the summer lost a set of false teeth, which floated away or went to the bottom. Lately, while dredging, an oysterman brought up to the surface a pair of false teeth around which a number of oysters were clinging, some of them of good size, and fastened on firmly. The old gentleman promptly identified his teeth, and keeps them as a curiosity.

THE EASTERN CHEROKEES.

Decision of a Federal Court That They Are Not Citizens.

In a decision by the United States court of appeals in the western district of North Carolina, says the New York Sun, it has been virtually declared that the eastern band of Cherokee Indians are not citizens of the United States. Some of these Indians have been voting for 50 years. They have more than once held the balance of power between the two political parties in western North Carolina. The chief question involved is the right of the eastern band of Cherokee Indians to sell the timber from land for which it holds a deed.

The decision of the court is that the band has no right to make any contract whatever without the sanction of the United States government. The court says the eastern band did not become citizens by virtue of the treaty of New Echota in 1835. It is remarkable that the court in its decision ignored the case upon which the defendants mainly relied, that of the case of the eastern band of Cherokee Indians against the western band, decided by the supreme court of the United States 117 U. S. Rep., wherein Justice Field held that the members of the eastern band were citizens.

Proven.

Miss Oldgold—Before I give you my answer, count, tell me one thing. When my freshness of youth is gone and the hand of time has dimmed whatever beauty I possessed, when advancing years cause my cheeks to fade and my charms to vanish—tell me, count, will you love me then?

The Count—I do.—Detroit Free Press.

Visionary Beings.

"What is your idea of a model wife?"

"Well, she is a woman who likes to fly round and wait on her husband."

"And what is your idea of a model husband?"

"He is a man who likes to jump around and wait on his wife."—Detroit Free Press.

Applying His Knowledge.

Bobbie—What are descendants, father?

Father—Why, the people who come after you. (Presently)—Who is that young man in the passage?

Bobby—That's one of sister's descendants, come to take her for a drive!

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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—Generally fair and colder Friday.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Pronk's drug store, to-day:
7 a. m., 43°; 12 m., 47°; 3 p. m., 50°.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

—Dec. 17—"Out of Sight," at Casino
—Dec. 20—"Devil's Auction," at Casino.
—Dec. 21—Vernon Brothers' entertainment, 1st Congregational Church.
—Dec. 22—McQuoid Engine Co. hop.
—Dec. 22, 23, 24—W. C. T. U. Fair.
—Dec. 23—Ball of Phœnix Engine Co., at Assembly Rooms.
—Dec. 28—Excelsior Social.
—Dec. 30—Ball of Ontario Hose Co., at Assembly Rooms.
—Dec 31—Masquerade ball, at Casino, under Geo. Lea's management.
—Jan. 21—Excelsior Social.
—Jan. 24 John Thomas Concert Co., Y. M. C. A., at Casino.

In a test case at Pittsfield, Mass., Wednesday, Judge Tucker decided that the trading stamp system was illegal and fined a merchant $20 and costs for giving trading stamps with a purchase.

It is announced as part of the Republican legislative program that the Raines law shall stand "without the change of a period or a comma." All the same the excise bill which the Democratic leaders are preparing will be introduced and pushed to a vote. Its cardinal principles will be home rule and local option; the restoration of the test of character in liquor sellers; the abolition of the state rum machine; local control and regulation of the traffic and retention of all excise moneys by the localities licensing the traffic. The issues thus raised in the Legislature will be embodied in the Democratic platform and will do their full share toward assisting to a Democratic victory.

The State Commissioner of Agriculture fancies that he sees in the culture of beets for sugar an opportunity for New York farmers to regain their old time prosperity and at farmers' institutes and similar gatherings agents of the Bureau are exploiting figures showing that there is big money in beet raising. The Commissioner is, however, beginning at the wrong end of the line. He should first enlist capital to dot the State with beet sugar factories and this done there would be some sense in showing the farmers how profitable beet culture can be made. It is only an aggravation to demonstrate to a farmer that if he could sell his crop an acre planted to beets would yield more net profit than two acres devoted to any other crop.

The payment of James G. Martin's bill for sewer caps is an act of tardy justice and ends an incident by no means creditable to the city. The matter has been in dispute for a long time, not through any fault of Mr. Martin, who made the caps according to order and at the price agreed on, but who has been kept out of his money for many months because certain Republican Aldermen, inspired by the factional spirit which has influenced so many of the official acts of the majority of the Council, saw fit to question the right of certain Aldermen to award Mr. Martin the contract. It would have been very much to the city's credit if Mr Martin had been paid at once, and the Aldermen who couldn't agree had settled their differences with pistols and coffee or according to Marquis of Queensberry rules.

WON'T LET THIS P. M. RESIGN.

From the Albany Argus

B. M. Cox, the Democratic postmaster of Sheldon, O., has been trying ever since November 1 to resign, but can get no action on his resignation. The unthinkable have pointed out a possible explanation in the fact that Cox is a member-elect of the Ohio Legislature, and a particularly aggressive opponent of Mark Hanna. There is a law in Ohio under which, unless Cox can resign as postmaster, he cannot qualify as a legislator.

ROCK FELL IN THE TUNNEL.

Freight Engine Struck It and Was Raised Off the Track.

Tuesday night, about midnight, another rock fell in the O. and W. tunnel at Bloomingburgh. A freight train's engine struck it, and was raised off the tracks but no other damage was done. The engine was replaced after a short delay, and the rock removed. The latter was about five feet square.

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DeWitt's Little Early Risers.
The smallest pill.

FOR CURRENCY REVISION.

Secretary Gage's Bill Introduced by the Banking and Currency Committee.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Secretary Gage appeared before the House Committee on Banking and Currency, this morning, and presented a bill embodying his views on currency reform. He explained the measure, which was at once introduced in the House by Chairman Walker.

NOMINATIONS BY THE PRESIDENT

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The President has nominated Attorney General Joseph McKenna, of California, to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and Chas. Dawes, of Illinois, to be Comptroller of the Currency.

OBITUAAY.

John H. Millspaugh.

John M. Millspaugh, brother of Will a. Millspaugh, of this city, died, suddenly, this morning, of pneumonia, at his home in Williamsport, Pa. Word was telegraphed here and Mr. Millspaugh left for Williamsport, this afternoon.

The deceased was the youngest brother, the survivors being Mr. Millspaugh, of this city, Peter, of Livingston Manor, Mrs. Clark Nichols, and Miss Phoeb Millspaugh, of Williamsport.

The deceased was at the head of the Williamsport Machine Company. He was expected to visit in this city, this week.

Horton Vail.

Horton Vail, one of Middletown's best known and most respected citizens, died, Wednesday afternoon, at 4:20, at his home, No. 111 West Main street.

The deceased was never a strong man and an attack of grip four years ago left him in delicate health from which he never rallied. His final sickness commenced about two weeks ago, and he became gradually weaker and, without pain, finally sank into unconsciousness and passed away.

Mr. Vail was born June 27, 1834, at Vernon, Sussex Co., N. J., and was a son of Samuel Vail and Sally Cash. Surviving him are the following brothers: Samuel, George and John M., of Montour Falls, N. Y.; Chas. M., of Utica; James Lewis, of Buffalo; Dr. M. H. C., of Vailsburgh, N. J.

The deceased was a resident of this city for thirty-two years. He was a member of the Second Presbyterian Church, having taken his letter from the Florida Presbyterian Church.

He was for a number of years in the book and stationery business on North street, selling out to S. W. Millspaugh & Co. He was for several years one of Middletown's assessors. He was an honorable man in all of life's relations and enjoyed the respect of all who knew him.

DR GORDON'S RESIGNATION.

Accepted By His Church, This Afternoon—Work of His Pastorate Praised.

The First Presbyterian Church, this afternoon, accepted Rev. Dr. Gordon's resignation of his pastorate.

The resolution accepting the resignation eulogized Dr. Gordon's pastoral work, the church having prospered both materially and spiritually. During his twelve years' pastorate there were 383 additions to the church's membership, and a net gain of 195.

The resignation will take effect from February 12.

The full use of the Manse was given Dr. Gordon without charge until July 1, 1898, unless sooner needed, when a month's notice will be given him.

A. V. Slauson, Geo. E. Beakes and W. B. Royce were named as commissioners to ask the Presbytery to ratify the resignation.

Deafness Cannot be Cured.

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure Deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed Deafness is the result, and unless the inflamation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 16, '97.

	Yesterday Close	To-day Close
Sugar	144	137¾
Tobacco	87¼	86⅜
Chicago Gas	96¾	95⅞
Nat. Lead	35⅛	34⅛
General Electric	33¼	33⅜
U. S. L., pref.	64	62½
Tenn. Coal and Iron	25⅝	25
A. T. & S. F.	14¼	13¼
C. B. & Q.	99⅛	98⅜
C. M. & St. P.	95⅞	95⅛
R. I.	91¾	90½
D. L. & W.	—	—
C. of N. J.	88	82¼
Erie	15	—
D. and H.	110½	114
O. & W.	15½	15¼
Susquehanna & Western	—	—
Susquehanna & West., pref.	35	35
P. & R.	22	22½
N. W.	121	121
L. S.	—	—
N. Y. C.	108	107⅝
M. P.	34¾	33⅝
Texas	—	—
U. P.	25⅝	25
W. Union	89⅞	90
L. & N.	57½	56⅞
Manhattan	106¾	103½
P. M.	30½	29¾
Wabash, pref.	18¾	18⅛
No. Pacific, pref.	60	60⅜
W. L.	—	—
Southern R'y	—	—
Southern, pref.	33⅜	33
May Wheat	96⅝	92⅛
May Corn	28⅝	29¼
May Oats	22¾	22½
Jan. Pork	$8 37	$8 60
Jan. Lard	4 37	4 55

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IN Pursuance of an order of the Surrogate of the county of Orange, notice is hereby given according to law, to all persons having claims against the estate of Lucinda Herton Vouum, late of the city of Middletown, in said county, deceased that they are required to present the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, the executor of the last will and testament of said deceased, at his office, No. 16 East Main street, in the city of Middletown, on or before the 14th day of April next.

Dated Middletown, N. Y., Oct. 12, '97.
GEO. H. DECKER, Executor.
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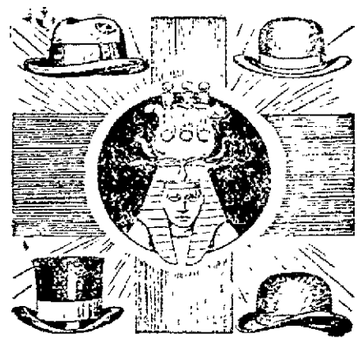
CARSON & TOWNER.

Special Values in Handkerchiefs for the Holidays.

We are offering exceptional values in Ladies' and Gents' All Linen Embroidered, Initial and Hemstitch Handkerchiefs. Prices from 5c to $1 each. Dutchess Lace Handkerchiefs in various qualities. We are showing a very attractive line of useful articles suitable for holiday gifts, which we think will please you. Special prices on Cleaks.

CARSON & TOWNER,
No. 11 West Main Street. Telephone 166.

HOLIDAY ANNOUNCEMENT.



Our Holiday Hat is a beauty, Fur and Cloth Caps, all grades; Mittens and Gloves, all grades. Silk and cassimer Mufflers and Silk Handkerchiefs. Silk Umbrellas or a nice Mackintosh Coat, Underwear and Hosiery.

Ready-made Clothing Sale—We are selling it fast at the price we are offering it at. People know good goods. Now is your time to buy a Suit, Overcoat or Ulster Coat. We want the money and they must go.

MERCHANT TAILORING DEPARTMENT.

Is booming with orders. We still have a good selection of Foreign and Domestic Cloths and people appreciate good work and style at our prices. All are invited to call at

JOHN E. ADAMS,
Leading Hatter and Clothier, No. 41 North Street.

A HOLIDAY DISPLAY!

10,000 Fancy Articles for Old and Young.

LOW PRICES RULE.

1,000 doz. Handkerchiefs from 5c to 25c, an Endless Variety.

Ask for our holiday specials in Skirts and Dress Goods, on which we have placed CUT PRICES.

H. E. CHURCHILL & CO.,
No. 39 North Street.

Useful Holiday Presents.

"The Hub" Shoe Store,
13 West Main Street.
Next to Carson & Towner's.

SLIPPERS 50 CTS. AND UPWARDS. ALL STYLES AT LOW PRICES.

Rubber Boots and Felt Boots, Arctics, Overshoes, all at the very lowest prices.

Dress Goods.

Another Case of "Jamestown" (Hall & Co.'s)

Dress Goods!

direct from the mill.

All the Latest Weaves and Colors

There is no use of praising the merits of these goods. You all know what they are if you have had them once. If not, call and examine them before purchasing.

UNDERWEAR!

of all kinds. Prices the lowest Please give us a call and be convinced.

J. D. HORTON, AGT.,
No. 27 West Main Street.

I. B. A. TAYLOR & CO.,
DEALERS IN ALL KINDS OF
COAL!

All our COAL is screened by the POCKET SYSTEM, thereby insuring to the consumer clean coal.

Taylor's Coal Yard,
NO. 30 WEST MAIN ST., CORNER MILL ST.

HANFORD & HORTON.

JUST A REMINDER

of the things we have that are suitable for holiday gifts:

Books,	Music Rolls,
Photograph Albums,	Fountain Pens,
Teachers' Bibles,	Dictionary Holders,
Pocketbooks and Purses,	Fancy Boxes of Paper,
Card Cases, with Gold and Silver Mountings,	Collar and Cuff Boxes,
Gold Pens,	Framed Pictures
Writing Tablets,	Toilet Sets, Leather and Celluloid,
Prayers and Hymnals,	Fine Inkstands,
Hand Glasses,	Diaries for 1898,
Kodaks and Cameras,	Christmas Cards and Booklets,
Choice Medallions	
Games, Building Blocks,	Calendars for 1898.

Our usual concessions to Sunday Schools.

Hanford & Horton,
No. 6 North St., Middletown.

WANTED.

Pair Good Oxen in exchange for pair farm horses. Address, with particulars, at once,
G. F. HARDING,
Wurtsboro, N. Y.

TO OWNERS OF HORSES.

It would be to your interest to take a look in our Blanket Room and get prices on our

Robes and Blankets.

ASK TO SEE OUR

Heavy Lined Stable Blanket

WE ARE SELLING FOR $1.

GEO. W. YOUNG,
Custom Ready-Made Clothier,
16-18 East Main St.

A GOOD TIME TO BUY

Overcoats, Ulsters, Suits, Pants.

FROM NOW ON WE WILL SHOW NO MERCY ON PRICES,

AS

We are Very Much Overstocked

A GOOD VARIETY TO SELECT FROM.

EVERYTHING MUST GO.

Look Over Our Line of Holiday Goods.

NO FANCY PRICES.

Fine Line Neckwear 23 and 35 Cents.

We Make Clothing Also

MORRIS B. WOLF,
No. 10 North St., Middle...

AT STERN'S.

A Few Items Worth Mentioning.

Our Millinery Department is as near perfection as it can be made. The entire winter stock is all in—no need for ladies waiting for other styles. Endless variety of Ladies', Misses' and Children's Winter Cloaks. We are acknowledged leaders in these lines. Our assortment is too large and the space too small to mention the different designs and prices. Come and see. Ladies' Shirt Waists in all prices. We have a fine Outing Flannel Waist at 48c. A Plaid Waist, latest cut, detachable collar and cuffs for 98c.—A beauty. Have sold over 25 dozen. Nice enough to wear to a ball. Over 200 Silk Waists in stock. Every style and quality represented from $2.48 up. No such assortment elsewhere. All at our Handsome Store. If you need a Separate Dress Skirt, remember we are headquarters.

L. STERN 13-15 NORTH ST.

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C. EMMET CRAWFORD.

DO YOU KNOW

That it is a misdemeanor to go to New York to buy your Christmas presents before you have called at our warerooms and looked through our MAMMOTH assortment, and the penalty is that you will be sorry for it. Beginning Monday, Dec. 6, and for the balance of the week, we invite every one to pay us a visit and just see what we have done this year for holiday goods. (No one urged to buy.) The goods will speak for themselves. Favor us with a call. See our Bric-a-Brac, Fancy Desks, Fancy Chairs. Children's Toy Furniture, Art Gallery, etc., and you will be pleased.

C. Emmet Crawford

44 AND 46 NORTH STREET.

N. B.—We will duplicate any prices on Carpets offered by any house in Middletown, and our stock is by far the largest.

What daintier gift at Christmas time than one bringing thoughts of summer!

Our Exquisite Perfumes are the sweet breaths of countless fragrant flowers concentrated, blended and brought to perfection.

Toilet Waters, Cologues and Finest Extracts all in bottles and packages, dainty in design, some in cut glass bottles, some plain, all faultless in finish and taste. Our own production from start to finish—two profits saved—these we share with our customers. A little money buys a pretty gift the finest are far below the price of similar goods elsewhere.

McMonagle & Rogers, 30 North St. and 155 North St (North Side Pharmacy).

NOTICE—HUYLER'S CANDIES in 5 pound boxes for Christmas. If you desire Huyler's in 5 pound boxes, for Christmas Gifts, please let us have your orders by Dec. 15th, as otherwise we cannot promise delivery.

McMonagle & Rogers, 30 North St.

CHRISTMAS

You wish to make as many presents this year as last, and can only afford half the amount of money to devote to them, call and see us, where you can buy all kinds of

FURNITURE and CROCKERY

at prices to suit your pocketbooks.

Handsome Rockers

of every description, for many of which we have the sole agency.

WRITING DESKS, MUSIC CABINETS, ODD PARLOR PIECES, STANDS, PICTURES, EASELS, SCREENS, WHITE ENAMELED GOODS, ELEGANT DINNER AND TEA SETS, FANCY CUPS AND SAUCERS, ETC., ETC.

LAMPS

that speak for themselves.

☞Goods can be selected any time and be delivered CHRISTMAS EVE. Be glad to have you come and see our stock, whether you purchase or not.

THE CHEAPEST PLACE IN THE CITY.

FRANCE & HATHAWAY,

7 EAST MAIN STREET

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

—Elegant sachet powder at J. J. Chambers'.
—Masqu rade ball at Casino, Dec. 31st.
—Christmas hats at Mrs. Bush's.
—Christmas toys at Economy Store.
—Slippers for presents at J. G. Hurd'ng's.
— holce perfumes at J. J. Chambers'.
—Dress suit cases $1.50 at Matthews'.
—Collector's notice, city of Middletown.
—Collector's notice, town of Wallkill.
—Perfumes in bulk at J. J. Chambers'.
—Trading stamps are a cash discount. See adv.
—Bowling at Columbia Park.
—Colds cured by Hale's Horehound, Honey and Tar.
—Dyspepsia cured by Dr. Dean's Dyspepsia Pills.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Remember the Priscilla matinee.

—Bachelor's hop tomorrow night.

—Organ recital at Grace Church, tonight.

—G. H. Langton has been appointed postmaster at Matamoras.

—Yale's "Devil's Auction" at the Casino next Monday evening.

—Remember "Out of Sight" will be the attraction at the Casino tomorrow evening.

—"Out of Sight" a farce comedy, will be the attraction at the Casino tomorrow evening.

—The regular hop of the Bachelor's social club occurs at the Assembly Rooms tomorrow night.

—Priscilla as sung at Saturday's matinee will be in all respects as given at the evening performances.

—There were 278 foxes killed in Dutchess county, last year, on which a bounty of $1 per head was paid.

—Hancock's trustees have ordered the prosecution of all persons jumping on or off moving trains within the village limits.

—Middletown Lodge, No. 112, I. O. O. F., will confer the third degree on two candidates, to-night. Full attendance desired.

—The Widow Van Cott, the well known Methodist revivalist, is endeavoring to found a home for unfortunate girls at Catskill.

—A heavy gale which accompanied the storm of Tuesday afternoon blew down the Forest City depot on the Erie's Jefferson Branch.

—At John Hamilton's auction in Arena, Delaware county, last week, cows averaged $31 52 per head and heifer calves brought $12.

—Alfred Brink, a carpenter employed in the Erie's Port Jervis shop, had his left foot badly crushed, Wednesday, by a heavy stick of timber falling on it.

—The reserved seat chart for the Saturday afternoon matinee of Priscilla is now open at H. S. Dusenberry & Son's jewelry store. Admission 25 and 50 cents.

—Theodore Frank has erected two of the largest signs in this city over his Erie House on East Main street. They were guts of the American Brewing Company.

—Hoffman Lodge, No. 412, F. & A. M., will hold a special communication Friday evening. The third degree will be conferred. The annual election occurs next Tuesday.

—The Woman's Missionary Society of the Second Presbyterian Church will meet on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the residence of William Sinsabaugh, Linden avenue.

—A garter snake was found sunning itself in a field near Shinopple, Delaware county, Dec. 9th. It isn't often that snakes furnish this kind of newspaper items in December.

—John Cunningham and Ed. Buckingham, two farmers from Walton, arrived in town, Wednesday night, and today went to Pumpkin Swamp to purchase a large stock of onions.

—The teachers and scholars of the Second Presbyterian Sabbath School are requested to meet in the lecture room, Friday evening at 7 o'clock sharp to practice the Christmas music.

—The Vernon Brothers recently appeared at Newburgh for the fifth time, which speaks well for their popularity. They will make their first appearance in this city, at the First Congregational Church, next Tuesday evening.

—Tickets for George Lea's masquerade are fifty cents, if bought before the day of the ball, and not fifteen cents as the types made it yesterday. At fifty cents Mr. Lea gives more for the money than was ever given at any ball in Middletown.

—As a result of the recent rains the roads are in very bad condition and the man who has to travel but a mile is luckier than the man who has to travel two. Farmers say, however, that the worst roads are not as bad as some of the city's streets.

—By the admission being placed at the small sum of ten cents and reserved seats at fifteen cents, every one can hear the famous little Vernon Brothers, at the First Congregational Church, Tuesday evening, Dec. 21. Reserved seat chart now open at J. E. Mills' drug store.

PERSONAL.

—Harry Simpson, of Paterson, N. J., is in town visiting friends.

—Miss Nellie Payne was the guest of friends in Middletown over Sunday.—*Walton Times.*

—Daniel Dugan, the hatter, left town, this morning, for Reading, Pa., to spend the holidays with his parents.

—Philip S. Titus, the popular O. and W. conductor, who has been quite seriously ill, is recovering rapidly.

—F. B. Wheeler has been confined to his residence on Linden avenue, for the past ten days, by sickness resulting from a severe cold.

—William L. Mellspaugh went to Elyria, O., Wednesday afternoon, in response to a telegram from his mother that his grandfather was rapidly sinking. Mr. Nichols has been a patient sufferer from cancer for many months.

RECTOR HOWELL'S TRIAL.

Some Further Details—Jury Was Unanimous as to Guilt, But Two of Them Feared the Justice Would Be Too Severe—Mr. Thornton's Plea for Mercy—Mr. Howell's Bad Break.

The jury in the case of Rector Howell at Monticello was out some time, not because they had any doubt of his guilt, but because two of them feared that Justice McMillen, who they thought none too well disposed toward the prisoner, would impose too severe a sentence. After having been out half an hour the jury came into court and asked what the punishment would be if they found a verdict of guilty. They were told that the maximum penalty was $50 fine and six months in jail. They again retired and those who feared a too heavy sentence at last realized that there was nothing to be done but take the chances on the justice's clemency and consented to a verdict of guilty.

When the verdict was announced ex-Judge Thornton, Mrs. Howell's attorney said: "We do not wish to have any severe punishment inflicted and only want Mrs. Howell entirely vindicated."

Those who heard Judge Thornton's bitter denunciation of Mr. Howell in summing up the case and who knew the angry feeling that has existed between him and Mr. Howell can easily understand how it must have "ground" the convicted clergyman to have the man whom he regards as his arch-enemy proffering him mercy. A sentence of a heavier fine or a longer imprisonment would have been mild punishment as compared with this plea for mercy from his hated adversary.

The *Gazette* correspondent in his account of the trial says that "Mr. Howell was cool and collected up to the time when Constable Bert Harris was about to take him to the court house and then tears filled his eyes, but he choked them back."

Mr. Howell was subjected to a most searching and irritating cross-examination by Mr. Thornton and once, having lost his temper, he made a very bad break. Mr. Thornton made him admit that he was often with other women and then asked: "Did you ever see Mrs. Howell with other men?" To this Mr. Howell snapped out: "No, but I wish I had." Mr. Thornton made the most of this answer in his summing up, turning it over and over and declaring that it was the only time during the day that Mr. Howell, whom he denounced as "a double dyed villain," had told the truth.

THE PURCHASE RATIFIED.

Christ Church and Its Regular Contributors Approve the Purchase of the Adams Property.

A special meeting of Christ Church, including regular contributors, was held in the Assembly Rooms, last evening, and after a thorough discussion of the situation it was unanimously voted to ratify the action of the board of trustees in purchasing the George B. Adams property at the corner of East Main and Orchard streets.

According to the terms of the contract the church takes possession Feb. 1st, 1898. Rev. Mr. Emory, the pastor, will occupy the house as a parsonage.

SHOPMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Annual Election Held at Nearing Hall, Wednesday Night.

The Ontario and Western Shopmen's Association, one of the most stable benefit organizations in this city, held its annual election at Nearing Hall, Wednesday night, with this result:

President—Harry Funnell.
Vice Pres.—J. S. Cooper.
Secretary—James Browning.
Treasurer—Emory S. Van Keuren.
Trustees—M. J. Wallace, John Pohlman and Theron Sinsabaugh.

This association pays sick and death benefits and has a membership in good standing of 157.

MAY BECOME BRANCHES.

Proposition to Consolidate Five Nearby Post Offices With the One in This City.

At the request of the post office department at Washington, Postmaster Elwood has furnished it with the names of the five post offices nearest to the one in this city, as follows: Howells, Scotchtown, Fair Oaks, Mechanicstown and New Hampton.

It is proposed to make these five offices branches of the Middletown office.

Strange Accident to an Erie Brakeman.

George Millham, of Port Jervis, a flagman on the Delaware Division of the Erie, met with a singular accident, Wednesday morning. He was sitting in the caboose when the sudden application of the air brakes threw his head back against a window with such force as to break the glass, a sharp piece of which cut a long gash in his scalp.

Attracts Much Attention.

The Electric Light Company has placed a large arc light, with a clouded globe, in D. C. Dusenberry & Son's jewelry store, which was lighted last night, for the first and attracted much attention. The lamp is of a new style and is on an incandescent circuit.

After Three Years of Waiting Rob Hock is Appointed Undersheriff.

Sheriff-elect Strong, to-day, appointed Robert J. Hock, Under-Sheriff. Mr. Hock at once took the oath of office and on Jan. 1st will be prepared to take charge of the Newburgh court house.

Trading Stamps

Are as good as gold, Weller & Demerest, 3 W. Main St. 22d4t

WOOD TYPE FACTORY SOLD.

Wisconsin Company Buys Out the Morgans & Wilcox Plant.

J. E. Hamilton, president, and L. J. Nash, secretary, of the Hamilton Wood Type Manufacturing Company, of Two Rivers, Wis., were in town, to-day, and purchased the land, factory and stock of goods of the Morgans & Wilcox Manufacturing Company in this city. The purchase includes two houses, also owned by the company, and several vacant lots in addition were purchased.

The new proprietors took possession at once and will use the place as an eastern supply house. They look upon Middletown as a good shipping centre and handy to New York city where their export shipping is done.

All of the present employes will be retained until next spring, when the company will decide whether manufacturing can be done cheaper here than in the west. Their regular eastern representative, D. S. Moses, who is well known to newspaper offices here, will be in charge of the Middletown factory for the present.

The Morgans & Wilcox Company will continue to manufacture here their steel furniture for printers, but have not yet decided where they will locate their business.

The wood type plant was established here in 1880, the same year as that in which the Hamilton Company was formed. About eight years ago the latter company purchased the Page Wood Type Company's plant at Norwich, Ct. It is the largest manufacturer of wood type and printers' supplies in the United States.

VITROL THROWING CASE.

The Trial of Mrs. Otens Begun at Kingston, Wednesday.

The trial of Mrs. Minnie Otens, of Ellenville, who is indicted for throwing vitriol on Wilson R. Denman, on the night of Oct. 21, was begun in Kingston, Wednesday. A jury had not been secured when the court adjourned for the night.

Mrs. Otens' face, which was burned by the acid, shows no traces of its effects. She is not pretty, but is by no means ill looking.

It was thought at first that one of Mr. Denman's eyes was destroyed, but though seriously injured the sight proves not to have been lost.

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

City Clerk Hamilton Now Ready to Receive Them.

City Clerk Hamilton announces in an advertisement elsewhere that he will begin the collection of the State and county taxes, to-morrow, and will collect them without fees for thirty days.

State and county taxes to be raised are this year $37,725 37, as against $30,482.67 last year. The increased amount of the tax levy and the lower rate are explained by the fact that the assessors were bulldozed into jumping the valuation of our city about $800,000 over last year's assessment.

THE BAND CONCERT.

It Was Enjoyed by a Large Number at the Casino.

The 24th Band's concert given at the Casino, Wednesday night, in aid of their new uniform fund, was a success in every way. The attendance was very flattering and the applause given selections was spontaneous.

After the concert the floor was cleared for dancing which was continued until past midnight.

The Committee of Arrangements were: E. H. Rose, F. M. Williams, D. Shaffer.

The Floor Managers were: D. Ellenberger, D. Budi, D. Shaffer.

Aggrieved Creamery Proprietor May Sue Paterson.

It is reported that F. W. Fulborn, proprietor of the Branchville, N. J. creamery is preparing to sue the city of Paterson or its health inspector for his report that contaminated milk from his creamery was the cause of the recent typhoid fever outbreak in Paterson.

Rain Raised Each Reservoir a Foot.

Acting Supt. Davey informs the Argus that the recent rain fall was 2.31, increasing the dept of the reservoirs about one foot each. Monhagen Lake now contains nineteen feet and five inches and Highland Lake eleven feet and six inches of water.

Scholar's Tickets for Priscilla.

The Hospital managers have decided to issue scholars' tickets for the Priscilla matinee. The tickets will be distributed at the school doors Friday noon and will entitle any pupil under fifteen to a twenty five cent seat on payment of fifteen cents.

Hymeneal Notes.

—The wedding of Charles Abel Russ, of Chicago, and Lillian, daughter of Wm. Rockefeller, of near Scotchtown, occurs at the bride's home at 6 o'clock tonight.

Catarrh and Cold relieved in 10 to 60 Minutes.

One short puff of the breath through the blower, supplied with each bottle of Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder, diffuses this powder over the surface of the nasal passages. Painless and delightful to use. It relieves instantly, and permanently cures Catarrh, Hay Fever, Colds, Headach, Sore Throat, Tonsilitis and Deafness. 50 cents.

Another Violation of the Fire Limit Ordinance.

It is reported that another violation of the fire limit ordinance has commenced on Roberts street. Why not repeal this ordinance since it is never enforced?

AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

Odd Fellows' Reception—Funeral of John Threw Coleman—Other Notes.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

—A most enjoyable occasion was the reception given by Orange Lodge, I. O. O. F., last night. Two hundred and fifty guests were present, many from distant points. A gramophone concert was followed by a mock ceremony of the initiation of a candidate which was most amusing. After an excellent supper had been served the floor was cleared for dancing and with the inspiration furnished by Wilson's orchestra the light fantastic was festively tripped until 2 a. m., to-day.

—The body of John Thew Coleman, of Crystal Run, who died at San Antonio, Tex., is expected to reach Goshen, this afternoon, and the funeral will be held Friday morning, at 10:30 o'clock. A short service will first be held at the Presbyterian Church and the funeral service proper will be held at Scotchtown, where the remains will be interred.

—N. S. Morgan, of Monticello, and W. H. Noyes, of Orange Lake, were in town to attend the I. O. O. F. reception, last night.

—Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hallock, of Crystal Springs, are visiting relatives in town.

NORTH STREET CHURCH BAZAAR

Opened Very successfull, Last Night—This Evening's Programme.

The bazaar at the North Street Congregational Church was opened, last night, under very successful auspices. There was a large attendance and those present bought liberally of the useful and ornamental articles that the ladies offer for sale.

The following interesting programme was rendered:

Instrumental Music.....
Misses Bakewell and Jordan.
Recitation.....
Miss Myra Morgans.
Whistling.....
Miss Elizabeth Arthur.
Recitation.....
Miss Sophronia Arthur.
Selection.....
Young Men's Orchestra.

This evening the ladies will serve one of their famous New England suppers from 6 to 10 o'clock and the following programme will be rendered:

Selection.....
Junior Philharmonic Club.
Recitation.....
Wm. Sinsabaugh.
Duet.....
J. B. Wheatcroft and Miss Campbell.
Musical Sleigh Bells.....
Charles Conklin and Miss Conklin.
Recitation.....
Mrs. M. L. Rue.
Selection.....
Junior Philharmonic Club.
Comic dialogue.....
Musical Sleigh Bells.....
Charles Conklin and Miss Conklin.

IN A RECEIVER'S HANDS.

The New Jersey Electric Railway Unable to Pay Interest on Its Bonds.

The New Jersey Electric Railway Company formed by the consolidation of the Paterson, Passaic and Rutherford and Rutherford and Hoboken companies, and with lines extending from Singac to Hoboken, has been placed in the hands of a receiver, it having defaulted in the interest on its $3,500,000 of bonds. The road from Singac to Rutherford has done a good business, but the balance of the line, which has only been in operation a year, has entailed a heavy loss. The receiver is John L. Heins, president of the company.

WOMAN AS A BURGLAR.

Arrested by Officers After Entering a Neighbor's Home in Newburgh.

The home of James P. Miller, on South William street, Newburgh, has been entered and robbed several times recently, during the absence of the family. Two officers concealed themselves in the house Tuesday and remained there when the family went away, Wednesday. About noon they arrested Mrs. Carrie Pine, who lives in the adjoining house, and who had entered the Weller house, with, it is said, the help of a chisel.

She was held in $500 bail.

An Old Railroad Rumor Revived.

The old and oft-repeated rumor that the Erie will extend the Greenwood Lake road to a connection with the main line at Monroe or Goeycourt is revived. It would be necessary to build about fifteen miles of new line, if the talked of connection is made.

Mailed the Wrong Parcel.

Some shopper, whose purchases included a yard of velvet, dropped the latter in the newspaper box in the post office. The parcel was not addressed and may be recovered by applying to Postmaster Elwood.

The Homeliest Man in Middletown

As well as the handsomest, and others are invited to call on any druggist and get free a trial bottle of Kemp's Balsam for the throat and lungs, a remedy that is guaranteed to cure all chronic and acute coughs, asthma, bronchitis and consumption. Price 25c. and 50c.

Biliousness

caused by torpid liver, which prevents digestion and permits food to ferment and putrefy in the stomach. Then follow dizziness, headache,

Hood's Pills

insomnia, nervousness, and, if not relieved, bilious fever or blood poisoning. Hood's Pills stimulate the stomach, rouse the liver, cure headache, dizziness, constipation, etc. 25 cents. Sold by all druggists. Take only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

SEWER CAPS PAID FOR.

Suit of James G. Martin Against the City Is Off.

After many squabbles in the Common Council and many appearances of counsel threatening suit at their sessions, the Martin sewer cap matter was settled, today, and the suit against the city for $181 for the remainder of the caps ordered so long ago was discontinued.

Mr. Martin receives the full amount of his bill, but asks no interest for the delay.

Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.

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Absolutely Pure

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

GEO. B ADAMS & CO.

FACTS.

All I ask of our customers is a net profit of 5 per cent. I want no more. All above 5 per cent. I want my employees and customers to have. Now, can I afford to return a supposed Premium of 5 per cent. in Green, Blue, Gold or Silver Stamps? What must others do? Of course charge more profit. "Am I right or am I wrong?"

GEO. B. ADAMS.

Beautiful Holiday Presents,

Sensible Holiday Presents,

Useful Holiday Presents.

Great Bargains in All Lines at

Geo. B. Adams & Co's.

No one can doubt the value of this store as a quality giving, money saving establishment. Leather Dress Suit Cases in russet and olive colors with heavy inside straps brass locks and catches, from $3 to $8.5. Every one a bargain. Besides a grand selection of Fancy Articles, we are showing the largest assortment of handkerchiefs Umbrellas and Pocketbooks Everything in the usual lines, viz: Cloaks, Capes, Furs, Silks, Dress Patterns Kid Gloves, Hosiery, Corsets, etc Special in boxes, three in a box, children's linen handkerchiefs, colored border and initial, at 25c a box. Handkerchiefs for children at 3c each, handkerchiefs for ladies from 3c to $12 50 each, handkerchiefs for men from 10c up mourning handkerchiefs at 15, 25 and 50c each, embroidered silk handkerchiefs at 15c each gents' initial silk handkerchiefs at 25 and 50c each, gents' initial linen handkerchiefs at 25c each, ladies' initial handkerchiefs at 25c each. Call and see our new French Fans. Special sale! Short Lengths of Silks on counter in front of the office.

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Toilet Sets!

With handsome fittings, in Florence and Celluloid, suitable as gifts for ladies or gentlemen.

Entirely new designs this season at $1 79, $1.93 and up.

☞See them whether you buy or not.

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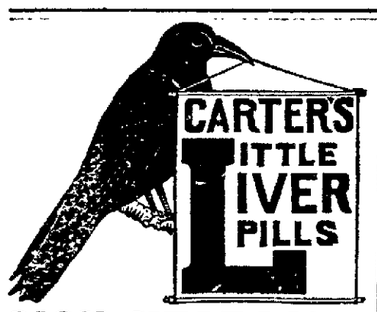

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ON THE 24th of August I embarked on board the ship "Earl of Eldon," of London, 650 tons, Capt. Theaker, at Bombay, with a view of returning to my native land on furlough. She was one of the finest and strongest ships in the trade, and as a surance might have been had on the chances of her successfully resisting the winds and waves. She was laden with cotton. The number of individuals on board were 45, including three ladies and an infant and the captain and his crew. It unfortunately happened that the cotton had been brought on board in a damp state, not being dried at the warehouse previously to being put on board, and it seems not unlikely that the fire damp may have been generated within, in the same manner as in a haystack when it has been stacked damp.

On the 26th of September, after a series of baffling winds and calms, and heavy rain with squalls of wind, we got into seven degrees 27 minutes south latitude; and the trade wind appeared to have fairly caught hold of our sails. I began now to anticipate our arrival at the Cape. On the morning of the 4th I rose early (about half past five) I went on deck. I found one of my fellow passengers there, and we perceived a steam apparently arising from before the fore hatchways. I mentioned at the time to H—— that I thought it might proceed by fire damp, and, if not immediately checked, might become fire. A captain came on deck, and I asked him what it was; he answered steam, and that it was common enough in cotton-loaded ships when the hatches were closed. I said nothing, but the smoke coming more dense and beginning to assume a different color, I began to think that all was not right, and also that he had some idea of the kind, as I saw the carpenter cutting holes in the deck just above the place whence the smoke appeared to come.

I went down to dress, and about half past six the captain knocked at my door and told me that part of the cotton was on fire, and he wished to see all the gentlemen passengers on deck. We accordingly assembled, and he then stated the case to be this: That some part of the cargo appeared to have spontaneously ignited, and that he purposed removing the bales until they should discover the ignited ones and have them thrown overboard, as well as those which appeared to be in the same damaged condition; and that it being necessary, in his opinion, to do this, he deemed it his duty to lay the case before us. We of course submitted everything to his judgment, and he ordered the hands to breakfast as quickly as possible, and to work to discover the source of the fire.

After breakfast he said there did not appear to be any immediate danger. However, about eight o'clock the smoke became much thicker and began to roll through the after hatchway, the draught having been admitted forward in order to enable the men to work. Several bales were removed, but the heat began to be intolerable below, and the smoke rolled out in suffocating volumes; and before nine o'clock we discovered that part of the deck had caught fire, which obliged the men to discontinue their labors. The captain then ordered the hatches to be battened down, with a view to keep the fire from bursting out, and to hoist out all the boats and stock them in case of necessity. This was done, and about half-past one the three ladies, two sick passengers, an infant and a female servant were put in the longboat, with 216 gallons of water, 20 gallons of brandy and biscuit for a month's consumption, together with such pots of jam and preserved meats as we could get at, and the ship's provision of fresh and salted meat. It was now about two o'clock; the hatches were then opened and all hands set to work to endeavor to extinguish the fire. The main hatchway being lifted and a tarpaulin removed, there was a sail underneath which was so hot that the men could hardly remove it. When they did the heat and smoke came up worse than ever, and it being now known from inspection that the fire was underneath that part, orders were given to hoist out the uppermost bales in order to get at those that were burning underneath. But when the men laid hold of the fishings to introduce a crane-hook they were found to have been burned through beneath and came away in their hands. The case now appeared bad indeed. However, we cut a bale open and tried to remove it by handfuls, but the smoke and heat became so overpowering that no man could stand over it, and water in the quantities we dared to use it only seemed to increase it, for had the captain ventured to pump water into the ship sufficient to extinguish the fire the bales would have swelled so much as to burst open the deck.

Under these circumstances, perceiving the case to be utterly hopeless, the captain called us together on the poop and asked if anyone could propose any expedient likely to avail in extinguishing the fire and saving the ship. As in that case, said he, we will stick by her while a hope remains. It was unanimously agreed that all had been done that could be done; the men had been most arduous in their exertions, but one and all seemed positively decided that the case was hopeless. The heat was increasing so much that it became dangerous to leave the poop; the captain therefore requested the gentlemen to get into the boats; next he embarked his men, and at three o'clock he himself left the ship, the last man who did so, just as the flames were bursting through the quarter deck. We then put off the two boats, towing the longboat. The progress of the ship had been previously stopped by backing her yards, and when we were about a mile from her she was in one blaze and her masts began to fall in. Between eight and nine o'clock all her masts had fallen in and she had burned to the water's edge; suddenly there was a bright flash, followed by a dull and heavy explosion, the fire having reached the powder. For a few seconds the splinters and flaming fragments glittered in the air and then all was darkness, for the waters had closed over the "Earl of Eldon."

Sad was the prospect now before us! There were in the long boat the captain and 25 persons, including an infant four months old; the size of the boat 23 feet long by 7½ broad; in each of the others ten individuals, including the officer in charge. One of the boats had some bags of biscuit, but the chief provision was in the long boat. We were, by rough calculation about 1,000 miles from Rodrigue and 450 from Diego Garcias, the largest of the Chagos islands; but to get there we must pass through the squally latitudes we had just left, and be subject to variable winds and heavy weather or calms, neither of which we were prepared to resist. Seeing, then, that our stock of food was sufficient, we determined on trying for Rodrigue, and, having humbly committed ourselves to the guidance of that Providence in whom alone we had hope, we accomplished rigging the boats, and got under sail. On the third day of our boat navigation the weather began to threaten a change, but as we were in the trade we did not apprehend foul or contrary winds. In the course of the night it blew fresh with rain; we were totally without shelter, and the sea dashing its spray over us drenched us and spoiled some of our biscuit. The weather grew worse, and one of our small boats, in which were Mr. Simpson, the second mate, with nine others, was split by the sea. She came alongside, and we put the carpenter into her, who made what repairs he could, but with little hope that they would answer. We then proceeded to fasten a sprayeloth of canvas along our weather gunwale, having lashed a bamboo four feet up the mast and fixed it on the intersection of two stancheons, at the same height above the stern; the sprayeloth was firmly lashed along so as to form a kind of penthouse roof. Toward evening it blew hard, and, not thinking the other damaged boat safe, we took in the crew and abandoned her. We were now 36 persons, stowed as thick as we could be, and obliged to throw over all superfluities, and we had not more than eight inches of clear gunwale out of the water. Wet, gloomy and miserable, the night passed away; at last the day broke, and though the weather was still very bad, I again felt hope, which had never entirely forsaken me, that we would still weather the storm. During the last night the sea had broken right over us more than once; one sea came roaring down, and while I held my breath with horror it broke right over our stern, wet the poor ladies to their throats and carried away the steersman's hat. The captain then cried out in a tone calculated to inspire us with confidence: "That's nothing; it's all right; he's away, my boys!" He never expected us to live out the night, but harassed as he was both in mind and body he gallantly stood up, and never, by word or deed, betrayed a feeling that might tend to sink our hopes. He stood on the bench that livelong night, nor did he ever attempt to sleep for nearly 48 hours.

Later the weather began to moderate, and we enjoyed a comparative degree of comfort. We had three small meals of biscuit and some little jam, etc., and three half pints of water per day, with brandy if we liked it. The men had one gill of spirits allowed them daily. Thus we had enough for necessity, and I incline to attribute to our having no more the good state of bodily health we enjoyed. The ladies were most deserving compassion and praise, and never uttered one single word like repining or complaint.

On the eleventh evening we began to look out for Rodrigue; the captain told us not to be too sanguine, as his compass was not to be depended on after the rough treatment it had met with. The night fell, and I went forward to sleep. About dawn I was awakened by the cry that land was ahead. I looked and saw nothing through the mist. An instant after I informed the captain that I could see no land every person in that boat was awake. Every eye was strained in the direction the captain indicated. Some thought they could see land; others had their visions blurred by phantom ships, and finally the tears from their overexerted eyes shut out their vision to such an extent that their imagination ceased to act.

"Where is it?" "What is it?" "I can't see anything," and dozens of similar questions were asked in as many seconds.

Daylight was now asserting itself a little more, and the captain had the boat brought to, and she drifted about for an hour. Rodrigue appeared right ahead, distant about six miles, and by eight o'clock we were all safely landed. A fisherman who came off to show us the way through the reefs received us in his house and proceeded to feed us, and, in the meantime, sent to tell the people of the island of our arrival. Two of them came down immediately, and, having heard our story, said that we had been most miraculously preserved. Every arrangement was made for our comfort, and during the period of our stay at Rodrigue we were treated with such invariable kindness and attention as demands from us the fullest expression of our gratitude toward those to whom we are under so many obligations, without forgetting our paramount obligations to that Power by whom we were preserved through all the dangers that had surrounded us.—N. Y. Ledger.

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You and each of you are hereby cited personally to be and appear before our Surrogate, at his office, in the village of Goshen, in said county, on the 17th day of January, 1898, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, to attend the judicial settlement of the account of Mary C. Selleck, administratrix of the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased.

And that if any of the persons interested be under the age of twenty-one years, they are required to appear by their guardian, if they have one, or if they have none that they appear and apply for one to be appointed, or in the event of their neglect or failure to do so a guardian will be appointed by the Surrogate to represent and act for them in the proceeding.

In testimony, whereof, we have caused the seal of our said Surrogate's Court to be hereunto affixed. Witness, Hon. Obadiah P. Howell, Surrogate of our said county of Orange, at the village of Goshen, in said county, the 15th day of November, A. D., 1897.

[L. S.]

T. D. SCHOONMAKER, Clerk of the Surrogate's Court.

GEO. H. DECKER, Attorney for Administratrix, Middletown, N. Y. dThu7tDec98

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[L. S.] John J. Bull, County Judge of Orange county, the 9th day of December, 1897.

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There are costlier rosettes that are used on carriage harness only, and are made some of leather and some of silk ribbon. These are made by hand in various sizes, and of various colors and combinations of colors. Handsome rosettes of leather sell at $2.50 to $5 a pair, depending upon the size; the ribbon rosettes at from five to ten dollars a pair. Rosettes of this kind are not sold with the harness. They are bought separately, as ornaments. Ribbon rosettes costing ten dollars a pair might, for instance, be bought to attach to the bridles of a fine double harness costing, say, $100 a set.

PLOVERS RESTING AT SEA.

Pacific Ocean Captain Sees Several Swimming Far from Land.

Up to within a few days of the arrival here from Honolulu of the Oceanic steamship company's steamer Australia, reports the San Francisco Call, Capt Goodette was the owner of a plover that came aboard while on its way from Alaska to Hawaii. These birds are not web-footed, and the captain seems to have solved the problem as to whether they ever rest on the water during their long flight. Capt Goodette says they do. "It was during the run from San Francisco to Honolulu that I saw several plovers in the water resting," said he. "When the steamer came too near they would rise out of the water with a few flaps of their wings, but, being very tired, they would soon settle back into the water again. In its efforts to get away one bird came on board and it lived only a few days ago. I always thought the birds made a continuous flight of over 2,000 miles, but I am now satisfied that the birds rest on the waves when tired."

Watched as Well as Prayed.

Parson Adams, minister in Lunenburg, Mass., for over 35 years, at one time agreed to pass the night at a friend's house. The clergyman was both tired and hungry. It was proposed to have oysters at once, and then supper, after which the minister could go directly to bed. To this he agreed and the family were called together. The supper was to consist mainly of Indian cakes, which were set to bake on platters in front of the fire. The parson's seat was opposite the kitchen door. The oysters began, but in a moment Parson Adams saw that one of the cakes had fallen down and was burning. He stood and looked toward his hostess, who seemed unconscious of any cause for alarm. "Mrs. Blank," he said, coolly, "we are told to watch as well as to pray. I can not help seeing that one of those excellent cakes is burning. I will thank you to attend to it." The cake was rescued, and Parson Adams resumed his Scripture reading with an easy mind.

Characters Three.

The Oldest Inhabitant accosted Any Schoolboy, saying: "Being fond of reading controversial literature I have always been greatly impressed with the variety and scope of your knowledge. Will you kindly tell me how you learned so many things which such a multitude of persons rush into print without having ascertained?" "It would do no good to tell you," replied Any Schoolboy: "a person of your astonishing inexperience would not profit by anything told him." The colloquy was overheard by the Fiend in Human Shape, who sighed to think how easily these persons had won their distinction, whereas his own renown was the niggard reward of a diligent activity.

Bicycles for London's Blind.

A London bicycle manufacturer has built seven machines for blind customers this year.

LOCATIONS OF FIRE ALARM BOXES.

For the information of our readers, we publish below a complete list of the numbers and locations of all the fire alarm boxes in this city:

14—Wickham Ave., cor. Prince, O. & W. R. R.
15—North street and Low avenue, hat shops.
16—North St. and Wisner Ave., type shop.
17—Railroad avenue and Montgomery street.
18—Grand avenue and Prince street.
23—Wickham avenue, corner Liberty street.
24—West Main street and Wallkill avenue.
25—North street, corner Wickham avenue.
26—James and Henry streets.
27—North and John streets, Erie crossing.
28—Lake avenue and West street.
29—W. Main street, corner Monhagen avenue.
213—State Hospital Gate.
214—Prospect street and Highland avenue.
215—Rear of State Hospital.
34—Fulton and Mill streets, hat shop.
35—High and Hanford streets.
36—Canal street, condensery.
37—Mulberry and Fulton streets.
38—Fairview avenue and South street.
41—Fulton street and East avenue.
42—Academy avenue and Houston avenue.
43—East Main street and Railroad avenue.
45—East Main street, foot of Orchard street.
46—Academy avenue and Genung street.
47—Myrtle and Prospect avenue.
48—Grant street and Sprague avenues.
49—East Main street and Prospect avenue.
54—North street, near Orchard.
57—Franklin Square.
21—Rung before a box number, denotes that a test is being made.
1 stroke denotes circuit broken.
2-2-2 strokes of bell denotes Chief's call.
3 strokes of bell denotes 12 o'clock time.
4 strokes of bell denotes recall, fire is out.

For over Fifty Years

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used by millions of mothers for their children while teething. If disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with pain of Cutting Teeth send at once and get a bottle of "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for Children Teething. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Depend upon it, mothers there is no mistake about it. It cures Diarrhœa, regulates the Stomach and Bowels, cures Wind Colic, softens the Gums, reduces Inflammation and gives tone and energy to the whole system "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for children teething is pleasant to the taste and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States. Price twenty-five cents a bottle Sold by all druggist throughout the world. Be sure and ask for "Mrs Winslow's Soothing Syrup. sod&w

Miss Allie Hughes, Norfolk, Va., was frightfully burned on the face and neck. Pain was instantly relieved by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, which healed the injury without leaving a scar. It is the famous pile remedy. W. D. Olney.

Mrs Mary Bird, Harrisburg, Pa., says, "My child is worth millions to me; yet I would have lost her by croup had I not invested twenty-five cents in a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure." It cures coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. W. D. Olney.

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For Infants and Children.
The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. is on every wrapper

When billious or costive, eat a Cascaret candy cathartic. 10c, 25c. guaranteed. 16c.

Everybody Says So.

Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on kidneys liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispel colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. to-day; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists

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—TO THE—
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We can print your Letter Heads, Bill Heads, Statements, Envelopes, Business Cards, Visiting Cards, Posters, in fact anything you may need, at the very lowest prices. Good work and good material.

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Fine Wedding and other invitations, and Ball Programmes a specialty. Complete stock of all the latest designs.

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Will Pay the Highest Prices
for old iron, cast and wrought iron, copper brass, zinc, lead, tin foil, and all kinds of old metal, all kinds of furs, including dog, cat and rabbit skins, dry bones and rubber and other junk; also second-hand machinery, boilers and engines, including shafting, pulleys, piping bought and sold at 125 Fulton street.
HENRY MEYER.
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The property of B. F. Todd, 54 East avenue Dwelling contains 13 rooms, with all modern improvements, including steam heat, Good barn and carriage house. Large yard and abundance of fruit. Easy terms.
GARDNER & McWILLIAMS,
25 North St., Lipfeld Building

MIDDLETOWN TIME TABLES.

Erie Railroad Co.

Trains leave from Middletown Stations, beginning Nov. 28, 1897, and continuing until further notice, as follows:

Trains marked with * run daily. Trains Nos 601, 620, 606, 617, 620 and run Sundays only All other trains daily except Sunday. †Train Nos. 1 & 5 will stop only for passengers for Binghamton or west thereof—due notification must be given at the ticket office. Trains with the following letters affixed indicate connection, viz.: "G" with Newburg Branch via Greycourt; "T" with Newburg Short-cut Branch via Turners; "A" with Newburgh short cut via Arden "M" with Montgomery Branch, and "P" with Pine Island Branch

GOING EAST.

Nos	James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
* 12 Chicago Ex.	4 .9 a.m.	
* 10 New York Special	6.01 "	
26 Middletown Way	6.30 "	.... 6.32 a.m
16 Orange Co. Ex. G. M.	7.10 "	.... 7.12 "
28 Mountain Ex. T.	8.23 "	.... 8.25 "
38 Del. Val. Ex. (M. P. G.)	10.48 "	
* 6 W. Mail, (G. ex. pt Su).	12.55 p.m.	....12.57 p.m
30 Way, A. M. P. G.	4.10 "	....4.12 "
* 2 C. & G. T. Ex. "A"	5.00 "	
* 8 C. & St. L. Limited,	5.55 "	
22 P. J. Local T.	7.26 "	....7.28
* 14 Wells Fargo Express.	10 40 "	
606 P. J. Local (Sun only) M. P. and G. T.	8.23 a.m.	
620P J. Local (Su only) "G"	5.08 p.m.	
18 Milk (Sunday only)	6 55 p.m.	

GOING WEST

Nos.	James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
* 17 Milk	6.47 a.m.	
27 Port Jervis Way	10.36 "	....10.32 a.m
* 1 Day Express	†10.56 "	
9 Corning Express	11.25 "	
11 Port Jervis Local	1.04 p.m.	.... 1.01 p.m
33 Port Jervis Exp.	3.40 "	.... 3.37 "
†*5 C. & St. L. Exp.	4.16 "	
27 Mountain Exp.	5.42 "	.... 5.38 "
15 Orange Co. Exp.	6.46 "	.... 6.41 "
25 Middletown Way ar.	8.05 "	.... 8.03. "
* 7 C. & G. T. Exp.	9.34 "	
29 Way	9.13 "	
* 3 Chicago Exp.	11.19 "	
601 Sunday Local	10 36 a.m.	
625 P. J. Way (Sun only)	3.05 p.m	
617 " " "	10 29 "	

Passenger trains for Middletown leave foot of Chamber street, New York, at *4.00, 7.45, 9.15, 10.30 a. m.; 1.00, 3.30, 4.30, 5.30, 6.30, *7.30, *8.45 p. m. Also additional Sunday trains at 7.45 a. m. 12.30 and 7.30 p. m.

Crawford Branch.

GOING NORTH.

No	Leave for	James St. Sta	Main St. Sta
101	Pine Bush Mail	11 35 a.m.	11.40 a.m
*115	" " "		8.55 p.m
601	Sun. only	11 00	11.10 a.m

COMING SOUTH

*128	Arrive from Pine Bush	8.16 a.m
*130	" " " "	5.40 pm

N. Y., O. & W. R. R.

NORTH.

Trains leave Wickham avenue depot, Middletown as follows:

No 9 First Milk	7.45 a.m
No. 11 Second Milk	8.45 a.m
No. 1 Ontario Express	10.55 a.m
No. 7 Sullivan County Express	6.15 p.m
No. 5 Pacific Express	8 45 p.m
No. 21 Local	11.00 a.m

SOUTH.

Trains leave Wickham avenue depot for New York as follows:

No. 8 Mountain Express	8.10 a.m
No. 22 Local	2.30 p.m
No. 2 New York Express	4.30 p.m
No. 12 First Milk	6.20 p.m
No. 10 Second Milk	7.35 p.m
No. 6 Atlantic Express	6.43 p.m

Trains leave New York at 8.10 and 7.40 a. m., 3.00 and 6.00 p. m

J. C. ANDERSON, Pass. Agt.

N. Y., S. & W. R. R.

In effect Nov 28th, '97

NORTH

New York Ferries	Daily a m	Daily ex Sun p m	Sun p m
West 23d St	8 10	....	5 30
Cortlandt and Desbrosses St.	8 30	....	5 50
Jersey City	8 36	....	4 56
Hackensack	9 14	....	4 34
Paterson (Broadway)	9 26	....	5 05
Paterson	9 29	....	5 04
Two Bridges	10 55	2 50	6 36
Ogdensburg	11 07	3 05	6 50
Franklin	11 12	3 17	6 56
Hamburg	11 20	3 25	6 24
Beckertown	11 28	3 40	7 07
Quarryville	11 36	3 52	7 16
Unionville	11 44	4 04	7 18
Westtown	11 49	4 15	7 24
Johnson	11 55	4 27	7 29
Slate Hill	12 00	4 37	7 35
Middletown	12 12	4 50	7 45

SOUTH.

	Daily ex Sun a m	Daily p m
Middletown	8 30	7 12
Slate Hill	8 42	7 25
Johnson	8 48	7 35
Westtown	8 53	7 42
Unionville	8 59	7 55
Quarryville	9 06	8 07
Beckertown	9 14	8 20
Hamburg	9 22	8 46
Franklin Junction	9 27	
Franklin	9 29	8 56
Ogdensburg	9 34	9 06
Two Bridges	9 51	9 27
Paterson City	9 03	....
Paterson (Broadway)	9 05	10 36
Hackensack	9 16	10 47
Jersey City	9 38	11 12
New York Ferries—		
Cortlandt and Desbrosses St.	9 53	11 23
West 23d street	10 15	11 45

f—Stop on signal

The Great Food Digester.
S. Grover Graham's Dyspepsia Cure is having a very unusual sale, because of its unusual merit. For sale by
F. M. PRONK

Beware of Imitations
LEA & PERRINS'
The Original & Genuine Worcestershire
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JOHN DUNCAN'S SONS, AGENTS, NEW YORK.

FOR SALE!
Very desirable House and Lot on Linden Terrace, fine property on Orchard street, choice Building Lots on Bennett Hill. Other well located properties.
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Real Estate and Insurance Agents
No. 15 North St., Middletown.

ERIE RAILROAD
Solid trains between New York and Chicago, via Chautauqua Lake or Niagara Falls. Pullman cars between New York and Rochester, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Toronto, Chautauqua Lake, Cleveland, Cincinnati and Chicago.

TIME TABLE ADOPTED NOV. 28, '97.

Eastern Time.	12	10	26	16	28	38	6	30	2	8	22	14	N. Spec 606	N. Spec 620	Sun 18	17	21	1	9	11	33	5	27	15	25	29	7	3	S. Spec 601	S. Spec 625	S. Spec 617
Leave N. Y.															P. M.	A. M.	A. M.	A. M.	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.			
Arrive															P. M.	4:00	7:45	9:00	9:15	10:30	12:30	2:00	3:30	4:30	5:30	6:30	7:30	8:28			
Jersey City															4 9.28	* 4:00	† 7:45	* 9:00	† 9:15	10:30	† 12:30	* 2:00	† 3:30	† 4:30	† 5:30	† 6:30	* 7:30	8:28			
Hackensack															7:06	1:45	8:33	9:57	11:11	1:13	3:13	4:10	5:02	5:58	6:08	7:22	8:35	9:14			
Paterson															7:20		8:33		11:13		3:13		5:02		6:08	7:22	8:35	9:14			
Paterson (Broadway)															7:20		8:33		11:13		3:13		5:02		6:08	7:22	8:35	9:14			
Two Bridges															8:35		9:52	10:49	12:19	2:52	4:35	5:02	6:01	6:58	7:27	8:38	9:53	10:32			
Ogdensburg															8:49		9:57		12:25	2:38	4:35	5:17	6:16	7:11	7:39	8:49	9:58	10:32			
Franklin															8:52		10:01		12:37	3:10	4:35		6:19	7:14	7:42	8:52	10:11	10:44			
Hamburg															9:00		10:08		12:40	3:13	4:31		6:28	7:25	7:49	9:00	10:14	10:47			
Beckertown															9:13		10:11		12:48	3:22	4:25		6:42	7:33	8:04	9:13	10:22	10:51			
Quarryville															9:21		10:19		12:55	3:30	4:33		6:49	7:41	8:12	9:21	10:30	10:59			
Unionville															9:30		10:36		1:04	3:40	4:01		6:56	7:50	8:21	9:30	10:38	11:08			
Westtown															9:36		10:44		1:12	3:50	4:09		7:04	7:58	8:29	9:36	10:46	11:16			
Johnson															9:42		10:50		1:18	3:56	4:15		7:10	8:04	8:35	9:42	10:52	11:22			
Slate Hill															9:48		10:56		1:24	4:02	4:21		7:16	8:10	8:41	9:48	10:58	11:28			
Middletown															10:00		11:08		1:36	4:14	4:33		7:28	8:22	8:53	10:00	11:10	11:40			
Leave N. Y.															P. M.	A. M.	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.			

*Daily. †Sundays only. ‡Except Sunday. b. Stops for passengers to Binghamton and beyond.

Middletown & Crawford Branch—Leave Main St., Middletown, for Pine Bush at 11:40 a. m., daily except Sunday; 11:10 a. m., Sundays only, and 6:35 p. m. daily.

Montgomery Branch—Leave Goshen for Montgomery at 7.27 a. m., daily except Sunday; 11:20 a. m. and 5:28 p. m., daily except Sunday; 10:55 Sunday only.

Pine Island Branch—Leave Goshen for Pine Island at 11:20 a. m. and 6:35 p. m. daily except Sunday; 10:55 Sunday only. Leave Goshen for Deckertown 8:45 a. m. and 6:35 p. m., daily except Sunday.

Newburgh, via Turners—Leave Turners for Newburgh at 7:35 a. m., daily, except Sunday; 10:53 a. m., daily except Sunday; 9:00 p. m. daily; 10:30 a. m., Sunday only. Train 30 and 2 connects for Newburgh via Arden, instead of Turners.

Newburgh, via Greycourt—Leave Greycourt at 7.45 a. m., daily except Sunday, 11:10 a. m., daily, except Sunday; 1:23 and 6:20 p. m. daily, except Sunday; 10:45 a. m. and 5:37 p. m., Sunday only.

Trains Nos. 6, 11, 15, 16, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 33 and Sunday Specials 601, 617, 625 stop at Main street, Middletown.

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AMERICA'S OLDEST MANAGER.

The Honor Belongs to George Lea, of This City—Has Been in the Theatrical Business Over Sixty Years—His Acquaintance With Wilkes Booth.

A Syracuse dispatch to the New York *Journal* refers to Henry C. Jarrett, of the old and once famous theatrical firm of Jarrett & Palmer, as "the oldest living theatrical manager." Mr. Jarrett is over seventy years of age.

The *Journal* is away off. To George Lea, of this city, who is in his eighteth year, belongs the honor of being this country's "oldest theatrical manager." Mr. Lea began his managerial career when only seventeen years of age, as proprietor of the Franklin Museum and Theatre on Chatham Square, New York. He ran the museum successfully for seven years and then became manager of other places of amusement in the city, among them the up town Olympic theatre. From New York, Mr. Lea went to Philadelphia, where he ran the Olympic theatre on Race street. Later he was the manager of a company which played in New Orleans and other southern cities. During the war he was the proprietor of the Canterbury in Washington, which he bought of Col. Sinn, now proprietor of the Montauk Theatre, Brooklyn.

Mr. Lea boarded at the National Hotel where John Wilkes Booth also boarded at the time of Lincoln's assassination. They occupied adjoining rooms and ate at the same table. On the morning after the assassination of the President Mr. Lea having business in New York, went to the station to take a train and was tapped on the shoulder by an officer and told that he could not leave the city, it being assumed because of his acquaintance with Booth that he might have some knowledge of his plot.

Mr. Lea made big money in Washington, and returning to New York he proceeded to drop it in Wall street, the brokers with whom he did business "going broke" with his money and bonds in their possession, or rather out of their possession, Mr. Lea then went to Port Jervis and engaged in the drug business as a safe, if not speedy way of recouping his losses. The managerial instinct was, however, strong upon him and he soon became manager of the Port Jervis opera house. He retained possession of the house for twenty-five years and managed it successfully for some time after his removal to this city. While residing here Mr. Lea has managed several companies that have played at the Casino and is again catering to the amusement loving people by arranging for his annual masquerade ball be to given New Year's Eve.

Mr. Jarrett is discribed as "erect and active and seeming to be but merely touched by the frosts of age." All this is equally true of Mr. Lea for despite his eighty years his step is as quick and elastic as that of most men of forty and his brain is as active as it was in his younger days.

ANOTHER 1804 DOLLAR.

The Long Lost Coin Turns Up Again—This Time in Montana.

A dispatch to the *Sun* from Great Falls, Mon. says that the missing 1804 dollar for which collectors have a standing offer of from $8,000 to $10,000 has turned up in Teton county, that state, having been paid to Billy Seymour, a bartender.

If this Montana dollar is a genuine coin of the 1804 coinage it destroys the last vestige of hope that Gus Plaif may have that he wasn't buncoed by the sly old "numer" who sold him an 1804 dollar at a big price about a year ago.

To Take an Extended Southern and Western Trip.

Charles Clapham, of Bloomingburgh, is anxious to sell his houses, for he contemplates a southern trip soon after Christmas. He will go to Tampa, Fla., and after spending some time there will sail around the Horn to Frisco, and will go on later to Portland. Mr. Clapham is not going to Klondike for he has a little nugget of his own, but he intends to see this country thoroughly.

A Railroad Inspector Wanted in Port Port Jervis.

Postmaster Schoonover of Port Jervis, has asked the Railroad Commissioners to send an inspector to examine into the necessity of widening the culvert under the Erie tracks through which the Delaware and Hudson canal is to reach Pennsylvania. The culvert is so narrow that it is believed that it will be a very dangerous point when the street railroad is in operation.

To Solicitors of Periodical Tickets.

S. F. Hough, 15 Broad street, representing the White Clover Dairy, has been added to the list of merchants accepting periodical tickets. Mr. Hough has an extensive milk route in this city and sells only the purest and best.

Trading Stamps

Are as good as gold, Weller & Demerest, 3 W. Main St. 22d1t

Better Than Klondike Gold

health and strength gained by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, the great blood purifier. It fortifies the whole system and gives you such strength that nervous troubles cease, and work which seemed wearing and laborious, becomes easy and is cheerfully performed. It has done this for others, it will for you.

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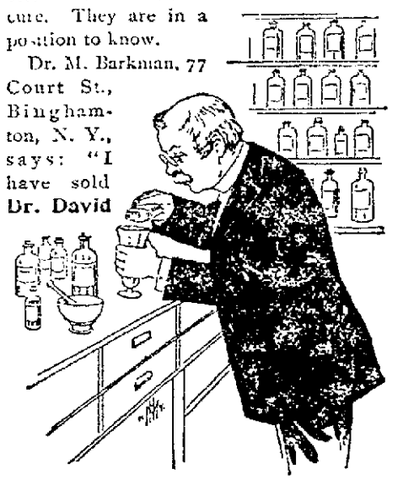

Dr. M. Barkman, 77 Court St., Binghamton, N. Y., says: "I have sold **Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy** for 18 years, and do not hesitate to say and stand up and be counted that it is one of, if not the best, on the market. I have used it myself, and my family have also, and we have received great benefit from its use. Although I am an M. D., I am perfectly willing to say this, for I know it's a good medicine."

Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy is a perfect blood and nerve medicine. It restores the liver to a healthy condition and cures the worst cases of constipation. It is a certain cure for all diseases peculiar to females. There is nothing like it for Kidney, Bladder and Urinary troubles.

All druggists sell it for $1.

THE NEW YORK BEACH RAILROAD

Middletown Men Interested in a Staten Island Railroad Project.

The New York Beach Railroad Company was incorporated, yesterday, with a capital of $50,000 to construct a street surface electric road five miles long in the town of Southfield, Richmond county. Among the directors are E. G. Wightman, W. D. Stratton and A. S. Drake.

DIED.

VAIL—In this city, Dec. 15th, '97, Horton Vail, aged sixty-three years.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon, at two (2) o'clock, at the residence, 111 West Main street. Interment in family plot, Hillside Cemetery.

Relatives and friends will please attend without further instruction.

McMONAGLE—At home of James R. McMonagle, Franklin Square, Dec 14th, '97, Keturah McMonagle.

Funeral at Montgomery Presbyterian Church, Friday, Dec. 17th, at one o'clock p. m.

FRED O. ROCKAFELLOW, Funeral Director and Embalmer, 99 North street. Telephone No. 8. Lady assistant. New York office 164 East 23d street, with H. E. Taylor & Co.

KNAPP & MERRITT, Undertakers and Embalmers, 42 West Main street corner James, Middletown, N. Y. 50 Great Jones St., New York city. Lady assistant. Telephone Call No. 10.

JOHN DONOVAN, Undertaker and Embalmer 124 North street. Fine coaches to let. Telephone 15. Lady assistant. Open day and night.

DOUGHERTY & REILLY, Undertakers and Embalmers, 50 Cottage street, Middletown. Telephone 42, night and day. New York office, 52 Great Jones street. Also long distance telephone. Lady assistant.

I. D. OSTERHOUT, Undertaker and Embalmer. Lady assistant. Telephone 158, Middletown, N. Y. 40 Myrtle avenue, Brooklyn. 48 Great Jones street, New York.

COLLECTOR'S NOTICE.

State and County Tax.

Notice is hereby given, as required by statute, to the taxable inhabitants of the city of Middletown, N. Y., that the undersigned Collector of Taxes, in and for said city, has received the warrant for the collection of State and County Taxes for the current year, and will attend at the City Clerk's office, Room No. 2 Flines Building corner of King and Center streets, on each working day of the week (Saturday afternoons and holidays excepted), for thirty days from Dec 17th, 1897, until Jan 22d, 1898 from 9 o'clock in the forenoon until 3 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of receiving payment of said tax.

L. M. HAMILTON Collector

Dated Middletown N Y Dec 16 h, 1897

23d to Jn21

Cottage Hotel Entertainments.

WEEK OF DEC. 13.

Matinees at 3 Evenings at 8.

Florette Hudson and Lily Adams lady song artists, Paddy Maher Irish comedian, song and dance artist, Marie Girard, character change artist. Performances at 8 p. m. Dance every Tuesday evening from 10 to 1

NEW TO-DAY.

PERFUMES in Bulk—Woodworth's best triple extracts Violets of Sicily, Blue Lilies, Jockey Club, Musk Fly of the Y Bey, Crab Apple Blossom, Frangipanni, White Rose, Stephanotis, Heliotrope, etc. We'll be pleased to show them to you.

CHAMBERS' Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street, second door from post office.

BOWLING at Columbia Park, to night. Three games and trolley at Pronk's, 25c. 1t

A SPLENDID Line of elegant Sachet Powder (for the ladies' use in making Christmas gifts, composed of trailing arbutus, white rose, heliotrope, violet blue lilies, frangipanni, jockey club etc., at

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CHRISTMAS HATS—What would gladden the heart of wife or girl more than the gift of a pretty hat Christmas? Our stock is large and beautiful, and we are going to put them at so low a figure that every one can afford to buy. Special low prices on ribbons for fancy work. Look at our stamped linens and silks

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CHOICE PERFUMES make desirable Christmas gifts for young and old, but get GOOD. There is any quantity of cheap, trashy stuff offered in dry goods and bargain stores. We will be pleased to show you our line of really fine perfumes, ranging in price from 25c to $2 50. Call in and see them at

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Ten Days to Christmas.

We have been telling you to act before the rush was "on." Hundreds have. There is yet three days before the final week. Act now. Come to-day. Come here. About prices and quality, the real things to look out for. We will say that "a wild goose never laid a tame egg." Moral, there's only one Economy Store, that's here. These are some of the good gifts:

Games,	Toys,
Carts,	Ships,
Stoves,	Candles,
Books,	Albums,
Japanese Goods,	Silver Goods,
Gloves,	Handkerchiefs,
Toilet Cases,	Stamped Goods,
Perfumes,	Umbrellas,
Towels,	Spreads,
Dolls,	Ribbons,
Horns,	Muffiers,
Sad Irons,	Towels,
Neckwear,	Underwear.

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118 North St., Middletown

20 Cts. a Dozen Fine ORANGES!

J. W. SLOAT,

15-17 East Main St.

Collectors Notice!

Having received the tax warrant for the town of Wallkill, I will receive taxes beginning MONDAY, Dec 20 1897, and for thirty days thereafter at one per cent at the office of Crans & Sinton in the village of Circleville, N Y, except the following dates when I will be at the places named.

Wednesday, Dec 22, 1897, at the hotel of M S Askew, Fair Oaks, N. Y.

Friday, Dec 24, 1897, at King's Hotel, Howells Depot, N. Y.

Monday, Dec 27, 1897, at the hotel of L V Bauer, in Phillipsburgh, N Y

Wednesday, Dec 29, 1897, at the residence of Dr. A. C. Sautee in Scotchtown, N Y

Thursday, Dec 31 1897 and Monday, Jan 17, 1898, at the Merchant and Manufacturers' National Bank, Middletown, N. Y.

Monday, Jan 10, 1898, at the residence of Andrew Crans, Crystal Run, N Y

Thursday Jan 13 1898 at the hotel of Charles Bellinger, Mechanicstown, N. Y.

The hours for receiving taxes will be from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m

All taxes remaining unpaid at the end of thirty days will be charged for at the rate of five per cent.

W F CRANS, Collector for the town of Wallkill. d2 2a,s wtod in17

HONEY Delivered C O D Five pound pail, pure extracted 70c Order by phone or postal at Belding's Flower Store or house, Cottage street

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Dress Suit Cases $1.50 Up.

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Suitable and Useful Christmas Presents.

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NORTH AND ROBERTS STS., MIDDLETOWN

Slippers for Holiday Presents.

I HAVE A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF NICE SLIPPERS!

that are soft and pleasant on the feet and are nice to look at.

You are Sure to Find Something to Suit Your Fancy!

and fit the feet of our friends at the One Price Shoe Store of

J. G. HARDING, 25 W. MAIN ST

Follow the Crowd!

These busy days and come here. This store has proved its advantages as a shopping place for holiday gifts. The various departments began months ago to bring together this vast collection. What you find here, too, is priced on the close margin plan. Be careful that you don't chance to buy an article elsewhere and pay more for it. Twenty cents, fifty cents and one dollar saving are worth looking after—whether the list is a long or short one.

TOYS.

OUR up-to-date collection of the wonders and marvels of toydom includes all the old-time favorites, as well as the novelties of the day.

Juvenile Books, 5 to 48c.

Toy Dishes, 5 to 98c

Iron Trains, 19c to $2 98.

Mechanical Iron Engines, 48c.

Iron Ranges, 39 to 48c

Iron Banks, 10 to 98c.

Iron Boats, 25 and 48c.

Lead Soldiers, 25 to 98c.

Crandell's Treasure Box, 48c., value $1.

Toy Tool Chests, 25 to 98c.

Toy Bedroom Suits, 5 pieces, 48c.

Harmonicas, 5, 10, 15c.

Rubber Balls, 10, 15, 25c.

Ten Pins, 10, 25, 48, 69c.

Hair Horses, 19c to $1.25.

Noah Arks, 25, 48, 98c.

Toy Laundry Sets, 19, 25, 48c.

Toy Forts, 25, 48, 98c.

Tin Stoves, 10, 15, 25, 48c

Musical Tops, 5, 10, 15, 25c.

Blocks, all Kinds, 5 to 48c

Games, all the latest, 5c up.

Toy Accordeons, 25c.

Music Boxes, 48c to $1.48.

Soldier Sets, 25, 48, 98c

HOLIDAY NOVELTIES

Sterling Silver Paper Cutters 25, 50c.
Sterling Silver Nail Files 25, 50c.
Sterling Silver Cuticle 25, 50c.
Sterling Silver Pen Knife 25c.
Sterling Silver Scissors 75c.
Sterling Silver Stocking Darner 48c.
Sterling Silver Umbrella Fasteners 19c.
Hand Mirrors 10, 15, 19, 48, 98c.
Silver Covered Puff Boxes 48c.
Bohemian Puff Boxes 69, 98c., $1.19.
Hat Brushes 19, 48, 75, 98c.
Dressing Cases 98c., $1.19, $1.48, $1.68
Silver Ink Wells 19, 25, 48c.
Silver Jewel Boxes 15 to 98c.
Postage Stamp and Pen Boxes 19, 25c
Silver Vaseline Stands 25c.
Candle Sticks, with Candles, 19, 25c.
Oxidized Pocket Combs 19c.
Raphael Tuck's Fine Calendars and Booklets 5c up.
Fine Umbrellas $1.48, $1.98, $2 48.
Picture Frames 19, 25, 39c.
Special Jardeniers 10, 25, 39, 49, 79c.
Fine Holiday Perfumes 25, 39, 49c.
Leather Cigar Holders 38, 48c.
Prepared Palms and Grasses 50c up.
Umbrella Tiles for Halls 98c.
Nickle Nut Picks 10c a set.
Nut Picks and Crackers 25, 39, 49c.
Cigar Stands, all kinds, 25c up.
Decorated Ash Trays 68c.
Fine Box Writing Paper 15, 25, 49c.
Celluloid Cuff and Collar Boxes 98c.
Dresser Sets, with 3 Doylies to match, 89c to $1.68.
Silver Novelty Lamps, with shade, 25c.
Silver Tipped Brush Brooms 19, 25c.
Silver Card Trays 19, 25, 48c.
Special Hair Brushes 25, 39, 48, 68c.
Swiss Wood Ink Wells 39, 69, 98c.
Glass and Metal Weights 19c up.

SEASONABLE GOODS.

That will go to hundreds of homes at prices figured down to the lowest notch of economy. A few of the many low prices we are making this month.

480 Ladies' Flannelette Wrappers at 8c., $1.48. The best value ever shown by any store.

108 tailor made Sateen Umbrella Underskirts 98c., $1.25, $1.48, $1.68, $1.98. Couldn't be better made.

600 Yards all wool Black Dress Goods at 35, 44, 59, 89c a yard. Less than the wholesale price.

Novelty Dress Patterns at $4.98, $5 98, $6.98, including all the linings.

25 Styles Silk Waist Patterns in 5-yard lengths of our elegant 98c quality, including all the linings, for $4.98.

75 Pairs Shaker Flannel and Wool Blankets at 49, 75, 98c., $1.98, $2.25, $3 98. The best values ever shown by any firm at the price.

50 Fine Taffeta and Gloria Silk close roll Umbrellas, with the latest swell handles, would make an elegant Christmas present, $1.48, $1.98, $2 50.

Pretty Dressing Sacques in grey, cardinal, pink, light blue and dainty stripes, perfect fitting, at 89, 98c., $1.19, $1.48.

25 Dozen White Aprons, fine for the holidays, 25 and 48c each.

11,000 Handkerchiefs for the holidays. Buy the special numbers we have at 10, 15, 25 and 48c. The best value ever shown by any firm at the price

Odd Lots and broken sizes from our Outing Underwear Sale at less than cost to close.

30 Dozen Ladies' Fast Black Seamless Fleece Lined Hose, double heels, 15c a pair, 2 pair for 25c.

Stamped Linens in all the novel holiday designs—Tray Cloths, Doylies, Scarfs and Center Pieces at the close margin prices that has made this store famous.

TOYS.

Knit Dolls, 5, 10, 15, 25, 39c.
Kid Body Dolls, 10 to 98c.
Dressed Dolls, 10 to 98c.
Dolls Heads, 5c up.
Doll Push Carts, 48c.
Doll Trunks, 39 to 98c.
Doll Cradles, 25 and 48c.
Toy Tables, round or square, 25c.
Targets, new, 5 and 10c.
Marble Arch, 15c.
Punch and Judy, 25c.
Who Hit the Coon, 48c.
Tin Trumpets, 5, 10, 15, 25c.
Wheelbarrows, 25c.
Wood Carts, 10, 25, 48c.
Circle Railways, 48, 98c., $1 48.
Large Box Paints, 10c.
Toy Sad Irons, 5, 10, 15, 25c.
Christmas Tree Candles, 10c a box.
Christmas Tree Ornaments, 15c a doz. up.
Doll Houses, 48 and 98c.
Toy Castors, 10, 15, 25c.
Magic Lanterns, 48, 89c. $1.48.
Electric Fountain, 48c
Drums 19c up.
Doll Swings, 15 and 25c.
Mechanical Tin Toys, 19c up.
Toy Guns, 10c

HART DAVIS, 46 NORTH ST.

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What the Largest Dry Goods House in the City Says About TRADING STAMPS!

Weller & Demerest, No. 3 West Main St.,
Middletown, Dec. 15, 1897.

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in
Dry Goods, Specialties,
Cloaks and Dress Goods.

Edward Nola, Mgr. Middletown Trading Stamp Co.

Dear Sir: Trading Stamps are as good as GOLD. WELLER & DEMEREST.

Trading Stamps are a cash discount given by enterprising merchants that want your trade **Always Ask for Them.** We have stores in all the leading cities of the country. Our stamps are interchangeable, and will be redeemed at any of our stores

COUPON—GOOD FOR TEN TRADING STAMPS

If presented at our store with Stamp Book on or before Dec. 22 '97

ONLY ONE COUPON REDEEMED FROM SAME PERSON.

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We are the originators of the Trading Stamp system, and have over $500,000 invested, and are HERE TO STAY.

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EDWARD NOLAN, Manager. Buy of Merchants Only That Give You Trading Stamps.

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for each insertion. No advertisement taken for less than 10 cents.

WANTED—Ladies to remember that you save off on having your shoes repaired with nails. It makes them stiff and heavy. CRAIG sews on the soles, which makes your shoes feel flexible. The cost is no more.

HOMESTEAD Building and Loan Association Annual meeting Tuesday evening, Dec. 14th. All interested are invited.

17d5t H. J. LEONARD Secretary

ALL Members of Wallkill Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., are requested to meet at lodge rooms, Thursday evening, Dec. 16th, as business of importance is to be transacted. By order of Council.

22d2t CHAS. E DECKER, R. S.

MILLINERY Business for sale cheap. Full particulars by addressing

20d6t A. B., ARGUS office.

FIRST Floor to let at No. 10 West Main street, suitable for dressmaking, milliner or offices.

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ECZEMA, Rheumatism and Paralysis cured Call at 12 Highland avenue.

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11d1tf F. C. EVERSON, 150 East Main street.

THERE are many new designs in Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, etc., for the season of '97-'98. Call and examine them at A. M. AMBLER'S, 50 North street, next to Press office. Repairing a specialty at short notice and all work guaranteed. Engraving of all goods purchased free of charge. See other adv.

DISSOLUTION—On the first day of December, 1897, the firm of Thomas C. and Fred C. Royce, Dentists, Middletown, N. Y., was dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be continued by Dr. Thomas C. Royce, who will be assisted by Dr. A. Freeman Foote, late of Brooklyn, N. Y. Dr. Foote is in charge a specialty of operative dentistry and is familiar with the application of electricity in its use for ameliorating pain attending dental operations. Crown and bridge work and dentistry in all its branches will receive prompt and careful attention at this office, corner of Main and South streets, over National Express Co.'s office.

15d&wtf THOMAS C. ROYCE.

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LOWER Part of house 68 East avenue; lower part of house, with barn, 30 Canal street; lower part of house, with barn, 203 East Main street, for rent.

Enquire of P. CUMMINGS, 100 North street, or corner East Ave and Fulton St. 78d1f

WANTED on Bond and Mortgage—$2,800, per cent., security worth $8,000, in the city; also $1,500 wanted, 6 per cent.

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LADIES' and Gents' Suits and overcoats dyed and pressed, gloves cleaned, plumes cleaned, dyed and curled.

86d3m Feb2 J. A. AUSTIN, 91 [illegible]

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